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Attorney General Patrick Morrisey:

As President of the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians (WVAFP), it is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Best Practices for Dispensers and the Best Practices for Prescribers initiative. Our board has reviewed the best practices initiative, and we believe it is an important component in battling the substance abuse epidemic in our state.

The WVAFP's mission is to promote excellence in health care and the betterment of health of West Virginians. Our mission aligns with the goal of the best practices initiative—reducing the misuse of prescription opioids while preserving legitimate treatment for patients. Therefore, we appreciate Attorney General Morrisey's collaboration with the WVAFP and numerous other medical associations, boards, and professionals in developing the best practices documents. The best practices documents embrace the principles and methods that must be implemented to reduce opioid misuse and addiction. For example, the Best Practices for Dispensers document provides health care providers with guidelines and precautions to consider when determining whether opioids are clinically appropriate for treatment.

Our board fully supports the efforts of the West Virginia Attorney General's Office in creating and finalizing the best practices documents. We are proud to partner with the West Virginia Attorney General's Office for the Best Practices for Dispensers and the Best Practices for Prescribers initiative, and we believe the implementation of the best practices recommendations will help eliminate prescription drug abuse in our state.

Sincerely,

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President

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