



August 9, 2016

Patrick Morrissey  
Attorney General  
State of West Virginia  
Office of the Attorney General  
State Capitol Building 1, Room 26-E  
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Attorney General Morrissey:

The West Virginia State Medical Association (WVSMA) is pleased to support your Best Practices initiatives.

We appreciated the opportunity to meet at your office with Anthony Martin, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Deputy Attorney General to discuss the initiatives, and to review the draft documents for Best Practices for Prescribing Opioids. It was a pleasure to speak with Mr. Martin and discuss our mutual interest in working toward an effective solution to the epidemic of opioid abuse that is plaguing our state.

Founded in 1867, the WVSMA is a physician-based organization which supports health care policies that promote the public health and encourages the highest quality continuing medical education. As physicians, our members are committed to providing the best possible care to their patients.

Your Best Practices for Prescribing Opioids promotes excellence in care, and, together with your guidelines for dispensers and health care payers, can provide an effective resource for health care professionals and others.

We are grateful for your efforts to work on this critical health care issue, and we look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P Taylor MD".

Paula Taylor, RPh, MD,  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Foy".

Brian Foy,  
Executive Director

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