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Attorney General Morrisey:

The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses supports the Best Prescribing and Best Dispensing Practices Initiative and applauds the Attorney General and staff for the efforts taken throughout West Virginia. An informed partnership between provider and care recipient will help result in the best outcome when managing pain and hopefully reduce the tragedies related to misuse.

The WVBERPN's mission is to promote and protect public health, safety, and welfare through the regulation of registered professional nurses. This mission supports this Best Practice Initiative to reduce the abuse of prescription opioids and maintain appropriate utilization for patients residing in West Virginia.

Additionally, Registered Nurses have been required to complete continuing education for best prescribing practice for a number of years. This begins with 3 hours of training with initial licensure and then 1 hour annually thereafter. The Board provides guidelines and resources for this training located on the West Virginia RN Board website.

We are delighted to partner with the Attorney General's Office Best Practice Initiative which is the first-of-its-kind initiative designed to eliminate prescription drug abuse by better preparing our state's Registered Nurses to support their patients.

For the Board,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Ann Painter".

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