



August 9, 2016

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

RE: Substance Abuse

Dear Attorney General Morrisey,

The West Virginia Primary Care Association (WVPCA) is pleased to support the Best Practices Initiatives developed by your office. West Virginia leads the nation in opioid deaths and has a drug addiction problem that is devastating families and communities across the state. The prescribing and dispensing documents promote best practices and lay the foundation for a more rigorous approach to resolving this crisis.

The WVPCA represents 31 community health centers across the state that provide high quality cost effective primary care to more than 411,000 West Virginians. Many of the health centers are providing integrated behavioral health services and seven health centers are now offering medication assisted treatment to patients requesting substance abuse assistance.

We are appreciative of your efforts to work collaboratively with providers across the state on this critical health issue and we look forward to working with again in the future.

Sincerely,

Louise Reese
CEO