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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Alternative Treatment Plan for Opioids

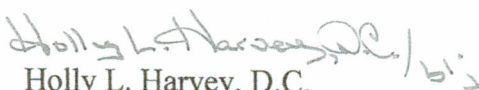
The West Virginia Board of Chiropractic would like to express our full support for the "Best Practice Guidelines" drafted by the Attorney General's office in an effort to reduce opioid addiction in our state. The guidelines recommend that doctors avoid opioids as a first choice in treating musculoskeletal pain and attempt to treat pain by using other means whenever possible.

The chiropractic profession has always been representative of these very principles by encouraging our patients to strive and resolve musculoskeletal pain without the use of drugs whenever possible. These guidelines stand in accordance with the goals of our healthcare profession.

It is clear that Attorney General, Patrick Morrissey, is looking out for the best interest of the patient. We feel that the best practice guidelines underscore the importance of all the healthcare providers working together to do what is best for the patient. It is admirable that input is being gathered from all the professions who can help improve this epidemic in our state.

We will continue to support this vitally important project and look forward to working with the Attorney General's office in the future.

Sincerely,


Holly L. Harvey, D.C.
Secretary
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