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National Opioid Settlement: Albertsons
Opioids Implementation Administrator opioidsparticipation@rubris.com

Cochise County, AZ
Rubris Reference Number: CL-2262172

TO LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS DOCUMENTATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT WITH ALBERTSONS. YOU MUST TAKE ACTION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.

Deadline: December 30, 2026

A new proposed national opioids settlement has been reached with Albertsons ("Settling Defendant"). This participation package is a follow-up communication to the Notice of National Opioids Settlement recently received electronically by your subdivision.

You are receiving this participation package because Arizona is participating in the new National Opioids Settlement with Albertsons.

This electronic envelope contains:

- A *Participation Form* for the National Opioids Settlement with Albertsons that your subdivision is eligible to join, including a release of any claims.

The *Participation Form* must be executed, without alteration, and submitted on or before December 30, 2026, in order for your subdivision to be considered for initial participation calculations and payment eligibility under the National Opioids Settlement with Albertsons.

Any subdivision that does not participate cannot directly share in the settlement funds, even if Arizona is settling and other participating subdivisions in Arizona are sharing in settlement funds. To maximize Arizona's share of the settlement funds, we need 100% participation from all 15 counties and 91 cities and towns. Any subdivision that does not participate may reduce the amount of money Arizona receives for programs to remediate the opioid crisis in Arizona. Per the One Arizona Distribution of Settlement Funds Agreement, each Region will receive funds directly and will distribute them to the counties, cities and towns. The share for the subdivisions is 56% of the total settlement funds. The state receives the remaining 44%, which is subject to legislative appropriation.

Your subdivision must return a participation form in order for your subdivision to release its claim and receive funds from the National Opioid Settlement with Albertsons.

You are encouraged to discuss the terms and benefits of the National Opioid Settlement with Albertsons with your counsel, with Jane Fallon, Assistant Attorney General, and/or other contacts within Arizona.

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How to return signed forms:

There are three methods for returning the executed Participation Form and any supporting documentation to the Implementation Administrator:

(1) *Electronic Signature via Docusign:* Executing the Participation Form electronically through Docusign will return the signed form to the Opioids Implementation Administrator and associate your form with your subdivision's record. Electronic signature is the most efficient method for returning the Participation Form, allowing for more timely participation, and is therefore strongly encouraged.
(2) *Manual Signature returned via Rubris Platform Portal:* If your entity is unable to return an executed Participation Form using Docusign, the signed Participation Form may be submitted via the Rubris Platform Portal. Please utilize the link within the New Opioid Settlement Notice email in order to upload your entity's Participation Form directly to the Rubris Platform Portal.
(3) *Manual Signature returned via electronic mail:* If your subdivision is unable to return the executed Participation Form using Docusign, the signed Participation Form may be returned via electronic mail to opioidsparticipation@rubris.com. Please include the name, state, and reference ID of your subdivision in the body of the email and use the subject line Settlement Participation Form – [Cochise County, AZ] – [CL-2262172].

The sign-on period for subdivisions to participate in the National Opioid Settlement with Albertsons ends on December 30, 2026.

If you have any questions about executing the Participation Form, please contact your counsel, the Opioids Implementation Administrator at opioidsparticipation@rubris.com, or Jane Fallon, Assistant Attorney General in the Arizona Office of the Attorney General, at Jane.Fallon@azag.gov.

Detailed instructions on how to sign and return the Participation Form, including changing the authorized signer, can be found at https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/. You may also contact opioidsparticipation@rubris.com.

Thank you,
National Opioids Implementation Administrator for Albertsons

The Implementation Administrator is retained to provide the settlement notice required by the respective settlement agreement referenced above and to manage the collection of settlement participation forms.

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EXHIBIT K

Subdivision Participation and Release Form

Governmental Entity: Cochise County	State: AZ
Authorized Official:	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

The governmental entity identified above ("*Governmental Entity*"), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated August 20, 2026 ("*Albertsons Settlement*"), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Albertsons Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Albertsons Settlement, understands that all terms in this Participation and Release Form have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by executing this Participation and Release Form, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Albertsons Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein.

2. The Governmental Entity shall promptly, and in any event no later than 14 days after the Reference Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed. With respect to any Released Claims pending in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804, the Governmental Entity authorizes the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee to execute and file on behalf of the Governmental Entity a Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice substantially in the form found at [website link to national settlement website to be provided].

3. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Albertsons Settlement pertaining to Participating Subdivisions as defined therein.

4. By agreeing to the terms of the Albertsons Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.

5. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Albertsons Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.

6. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity's state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court's role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Albertsons

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Settlement. The Governmental Entity likewise agrees to arbitrate before the National Arbitration Panel as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent otherwise provided in, the Albertsons Settlement.

7. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the Albertsons Settlement as provided therein.

8. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Albertsons Settlement, including without limitation all provisions of Section X (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Albertsons Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Albertsons Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.

9. The Governmental Entity hereby takes on all rights and obligations of a Participating Subdivision as set forth in the Albertsons Settlement.

10. In connection with the releases provided for in the Albertsons Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

> **General Release; extent.** A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Albertsons Settlement.

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11. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Albertsons Settlement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Participation and Release Form is interpreted differently from the Albertsons Settlement in any respect, the Albertsons Settlement controls.

I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Participation and Release Form on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____