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Via U.S. Mail and Email

Re: National Opioid Settlements

Dear County, City & Town Leaders:

Late last year, I wrote requesting your participation in the *One Arizona Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding* (the “*One Arizona Plan*” or “MOU”), an innovative plan and national model that created a common-sense structure for distributing opioid settlement funds fairly and effectively throughout Arizona’s communities. Recognizing the importance of ensuring that monies from opioids settlements be maximized and distributed expeditiously to ameliorate the opioid epidemic, every county and 90 of 91 cities and towns signed on to the *One Arizona Plan*.

After much hard work and years of negotiations, significant opioids actions have reached proposed final settlements. The first is a global settlement with three opioid distributors—McKesson, AmerisourceBergen, and Cardinal (“the Distributors Settlement”). The second is with opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson (“the J&J Settlement”). If these settlements are finalized, Arizona will receive up to \$549 million from the settlements, with the monies to be used for opioid treatment, prevention, and education. Arizona counties, cities and towns can participate in these settlements, regardless of whether they filed a lawsuit.

I, on behalf of the State, have formally indicated the State’s conditional approval for the proposed Distributors & J&J Settlements. The next phase for both settlements consists of subdivision sign-on, which must be concluded before January 2, 2022. You should be receiving notice directly from the national settlement administrators for both settlements in the near future. **The total amount of money that Arizonans receive is dependent upon the number of local governments that participate. Accordingly, it is imperative that your political subdivision respond to that notice and join our efforts.** If enough subdivisions participate in Arizona and across the nation (called “critical mass”), then both settlements will be finalized.

With these proposed settlements pending, it is now time to update and finalize the *One Arizona Plan* into a binding distribution agreement. This will ensure Arizona's ability to participate in the national settlements and facilitate funding to the State and local governments as quickly as possible. The enclosed One Arizona Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds Agreement ("the *One Arizona Opioid Agreement*") accomplishes this goal. All of the material principles of the MOU remain the same:

- A 44/56 split between the State and Local Governments, respectively;
- Requirements that (1) the money be used to combat the opioid epidemic, in accord with the approved purposes in Exhibit A to the One Arizona Opioid Agreement and that (2) basic reciprocal reports be made;
- Allocations developed in the national opioids litigation that are based on data regarding opioid use disorder rates, opioid deaths and the amount and potency of opioids shipped to your community, as well as historical spending by each city and town on opioid abatement. (The allocations made in the One Arizona Plan remain the same in the One Arizona Distribution Agreement.)
- Local governments empowered to use settlement resources for their constituents without state authorization of local government spending.

Updates to the *One Arizona Plan*:

- Allowing the national settlement administrator for each settlement to send the funds to the State and subdivisions directly, which would avoid the expense of hiring a separate trustee.
- If the federal government claims some of the settlement funds under federal law, the claimed funds will come from the total settlement funds before any allocation to the State and the subdivisions.
- A parity provision wherein any State uncovered outside counsel fees in the Purdue bankruptcy matter will be covered from the gross proceeds of any funds flowing to the state.
- Clarifying that any Arizona governmental entity will not receive money from a settlement unless they sign on to that settlement.
- Pursuant to a request from outside counsel for the subdivisions, changes clarifying the mechanisms for any subdivision outside counsel to receive their fees.

Together, we can maximize critically needed resources to assist Arizonans impacted by the opioid crisis. That is why, as we have discussed before, 100% participation among counties, cities and towns is essential. Review the *One Arizona Opioid Agreement* with your legal counsel, and execute the Agreement in the space provided.

Once completed, please return your *One Arizona Opioid Agreement* signature page to my office, to the attention of SherryAnn.Patrick@azag.gov or mail it to her at the address listed below, by November 10, 2021. If you have any substantive questions, please contact Section Chief Leslie Kyman Cooper at Leslie.Cooper@azag.gov, or Unit Chief Matthew du Mée at Matthew.duMee@azag.gov.

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Please note that signing the *One Arizona Opioid Agreement* does **not** mean your political subdivision has signed the two pending settlement agreements with the Distributors and J&J. You will need to sign both agreements separately as instructed by the notice you will receive from the national settlement administrator.

The deadline to submit your *One Arizona Opioid Agreement* signature page to my office is November 10, 2021. The deadline to submit your signature pages for the Distributors Settlement and J&J Settlement is January 2, 2022.

Sincerely,



Mark Brnovich
Attorney General

Enclosures:

One Arizona Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds Agreement

cc: Joseph Sciarrotta, AGO Civil Litigation Division Chief Counsel
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ONE ARIZONA DISTRIBUTION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS AGREEMENT

General Principles

- The people of the State of Arizona and Arizona communities have been harmed by the opioid epidemic, which was caused by entities within the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain.
- The State of Arizona, *ex rel.* Mark Brnovich, Attorney General (the “State”), and certain Participating Local Governments are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage they caused.
- The State and the Participating Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants’ misconduct throughout the State of Arizona.
- The State and the Participating Local Governments previously entered into the One Arizona Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of jointly approaching Settlement negotiations with the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants.
- The State and the Participating Local Governments now enter into this One Arizona Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds Agreement (“Agreement”) to establish binding terms for the distribution and spending of funds from Settlements with the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants.

A. Definitions

As used in this Agreement:

1. “Approved Purpose(s)” shall mean those uses identified in the agreed Opioid Abatement Strategies attached as Exhibit A.
2. “Contingency Fee Fund” shall mean a sub fund established in a Settlement for the purpose of paying contingency fees, such as the Attorney Fee Fund described in Section I.V of the Settlement with the Settling Distributors and the sub fund of the Attorney Fee Fund described in Section II.D of the Settlement with J&J.¹
3. “J&J” shall mean Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., OrthoMcNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc.
4. “Litigation” means existing or potential legal claims against Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants seeking to hold them accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance relating to the unlawful manufacture, marketing, promotion, distribution, or dispensing of prescription opioids.

¹ Text of both settlements available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>.

5. "Opioid Funds" shall mean monetary amounts obtained through a Settlement as defined in this Agreement.
6. "Participating Local Government(s)" shall mean all counties, cities, and towns within the geographic boundaries of the State that have chosen to sign on to this Agreement and each applicable Settlement. The Participating Local Governments may be referred to separately in this Agreement as "Participating Counties" and "Participating Cities and Towns" (or "Participating Cities or Towns," as appropriate).
7. "Parties" shall mean the State and the Participating Local Governments.
8. "Pharmaceutical Supply Chain" shall mean the process and channels through which licit opioids are manufactured, marketed, promoted, distributed, or dispensed.
9. "Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participant" shall mean any entity that engages in or has engaged in the manufacture, marketing, promotion, distribution, or dispensing of licit opioids.
10. "Settlement" shall mean the negotiated resolution of legal or equitable claims against a Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participant when that resolution has been jointly entered into by the State and the Participating Local Government and approved as final by a court of competent jurisdiction.
11. "Settling Distributors" shall mean McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Corporation.
12. "Trustee" shall mean either (1) an independent trustee who shall be responsible for the ministerial task of releasing the Opioid Funds that are in trust as authorized herein and accounting for all payments into or out of the trust, or (2) a settlement fund administrator, in the event that the Settlement includes a fund administrator. In either case, the Trustee will distribute funds in accordance with this Agreement.

B. Intrastate Regions

1. The State of Arizona will be divided into regions, each of which will be referred to as a "Region" and will consist of: (1) a single Participating County and all of its Participating Cities and Towns; or (2) all of the Participating Cities and Towns within a non-Participating County. If there is only one Participating City or Town within a non-Participating County, that single Participating City or Town will still constitute a Region. Two or more Regions may at their discretion form a group ("Multicounty Region"). Regions that do not choose to form a Multicounty Region will be their own Region. Participating Cities and Towns within a non-Participating County may not form a Region with Participating Cities and Towns in another county.
2. The LG Share funds described in Section C(1) will be distributed to each Region according to the percentages set forth in Exhibit B. The Regional allocation model uses three equally weighted factors: (1) the amount of opioids shipped to the Region; (2) the number of opioid deaths that occurred in that Region; and (3) the number of people who suffer opioid use disorder in that Region. In the event any county does not participate in this Agreement, that

county's percentage share shall be reallocated proportionally amongst the Participating Counties by applying this same methodology to only the Participating Counties.

3. In single-county Regions, that county's health department will serve as the lead agency responsible for distributing the LG Share funds. That health department, acting as the lead agency, shall consult with the cities and towns in the county regarding distribution of the LG Share funds.
4. For each Multicounty Region, an advisory council shall be formed from the Participating Local Governments in the Multicounty Region to distribute the collective LG Share funds. Each advisory council shall include at least three Participating Local Government representatives, not all of whom may reside in the same county. Each advisory council shall consult with the Participating Local Governments in the Multicounty Region regarding distribution of the collective LG Share funds.
5. For each Region consisting of the Participating Cities and Towns within a non-Participating County, an advisory council shall be formed from the Participating Cities and Towns in the Region to distribute the LG Share funds. Each advisory council shall include at least three representatives from the Participating Cities and Towns in the Region, or a representative from each Participating City and Town if the Region consists of fewer than three Participating Cities and Towns. In no event may more than one individual represent the same city or town. To the extent any Participating Cities or Towns in the Region are not represented on the advisory council, the advisory council shall consult with the non-represented Participating Cities and Towns regarding distribution of the collective LG Share funds.

C. Allocation of Settlement Proceeds

1. All Opioid Funds shall be divided with 44% to the State ("State Share") and 56% to the Participating Local Governments ("LG Share").²
2. All Opioid Funds, except those allocated to payment of counsel and litigation expenses as set forth in Section E, shall be utilized in a manner consistent with the Approved Purposes definition. Compliance with this requirement shall be verified through reporting, as set out in Section F.
3. Each LG Share will be distributed to each Region or Multicounty Region as set forth in Section B(2). Participating Counties and their constituent Participating Cities and Towns may distribute the funds allocated to the Region or Multicounty Region amongst themselves in any manner they choose. If a county and its cities and towns cannot agree on how to allocate the funds, the default allocation in Exhibit C will apply. The default allocation formula uses historical federal data showing how each county and the cities and towns within it have made opioids-related expenditures in the past. If a county or any cities or towns within a Region or Multicounty Region do not sign on to this Agreement and each

² This Agreement assumes that any opioid settlement for Native American Tribes and Third-Party Payors, including municipal insurance pools, will be dealt with separately.

Settlement, and if the Participating Local Governments in the Region or Multicounty Region cannot agree on how to allocate the funds from that Settlement amongst themselves, the funds shall be reallocated proportionally by applying this same methodology to only the Participating Local Governments in the Region or Multicounty Region.

4. If the LG Share for a given Participating Local Government is less than \$500, then that amount will instead be distributed to the Region or Multicounty Region in which the Participating Local Government is located to allow practical application of the abatement remedy. If the county did not sign on to the Settlement as defined herein, the funds will be reallocated to the State Share.
5. The State Share shall be paid by check or wire transfer directly to the State through the Trustee, who shall hold the funds in trust, or as otherwise required by a Settlement for the benefit of the State, to be timely distributed as set forth in C(1) herein. The LG Share shall be paid by check or wire transfer directly to the Regions or Multicounty Regions through the Trustee, who shall hold the funds in trust, or as otherwise required by a Settlement for the benefit of the Participating Local Governments, to be timely distributed as set forth in B(2), C(1), C(3), and C(4) herein.
6. The State Share shall be used only for (1) Approved Purposes within the State or (2) grants to organizations for Approved Purposes within the State.
7. The LG Share shall be used only for (1) Approved Purposes by Participating Local Governments within a Region or Multicounty Region or (2) grants to organizations for Approved Purposes within a Region or Multicounty Region.
8. The State will endeavor to prioritize up to 30% of the State Share for opioid education and advertising related to awareness, addiction, or treatment; Department of Corrections and related prison and jail opioid uses; and opioid interdiction and abatement on Arizona's southern border, including grants to assist with the building, remodeling and/or operation of centers for treatment, drug testing, medication-assisted treatment services, probation, job training, and/or counseling services, among other programs.
9. If the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") disallows any federal funding for the State's Medicaid programs pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1396b as a consequence of sums received pursuant to resolution of any Litigation with Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants, or otherwise seeks to recover sums it regards as the federal share of any Settlement, the amount recovered by CMS shall first be paid from the total amount of Opioid Funds available to the Parties under that Settlement and the distribution to the State and Participating Local Governments shall thereafter be made from the remaining funds.
10. The Parties acknowledge and agree that any Settlement may require Participating Local Governments to release all their claims against the settling Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants to receive Opioid Funds. The Parties further acknowledge and agree based on the terms of any such national Settlement, a Participating Local Government will not receive funds through this Agreement until it has complied with all requirements set forth

in that national Settlement to release its claims. This Agreement is not a promise by any Party that any Settlement (including any Settlement resolved through bankruptcy) will be finalized or executed.

D. Participation of Cities and Towns

1. By signing on to the Agreement and any Settlement, a Participating County will receive 60% of its available LG Share for that Settlement when distribution under that Settlement occurs. Any such Participating County will receive up to an additional 40% of its available LG Share for that Settlement by securing the participation of its constituent cities and towns as signatories to this Agreement and that Settlement when distribution under that Settlement occurs. The sliding scale attached as Exhibit D will determine the share of funds available to the Participating County.³
2. If a Participating County does not achieve 100% participation of its cities and towns within the period of time required in a Settlement document for subdivision participation, the remaining portions of the LG Share that were otherwise available to the Participating County will be reallocated to (i) the State Share and (ii) the LG Share for the Participating Counties which have achieved 100% participation of their cities and towns in accordance with the percentages described in Sections B(2), C(1), and C(3), and set forth in Exhibits B and C.

E. Payment of Counsel and Litigation Expenses

1. The Parties anticipate that any Settlement will provide for the payment of all or a portion of the fees and litigation expenses of certain state and local governments.
2. If the court in *In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) or if a Settlement establishes a common benefit fund or similar device to compensate attorneys for services rendered and expenses incurred that have benefited plaintiffs generally in the litigation (the “Common Benefit Fund”), and requires certain governmental plaintiffs to pay a share of their recoveries from defendants into the Common Benefit Fund as a “tax,” then the Participating Local Governments shall first seek to have the settling defendants pay the “tax.” If the settling defendants do not agree to pay the “tax,” then the “tax” shall be paid from the LG Share prior to allocation and distribution of funds to the Participating Local Governments.⁴

³ Population allocation of cities and towns within counties will be derived from the population data included in any national Settlement. If such data is not included in the respective national Settlement, then population allocation will be determined from those cities and towns listed in Exhibit C. The data in Exhibit C is derived from the U.S. Census Estimate (July 1, 2019).

⁴ This paragraph shall not apply to the Settlement with the Settling Distributors or the Settlement with J&J.

3. Any governmental entity that seeks attorneys' fees and expenses from the Litigation shall seek those fees and expenses first from the national Settlement.⁵ In addition, the Parties agree that the Participating Local Governments will create a supplemental attorney's fees and costs fund (the "Backstop Fund").
4. In the event that any Settlement imposes additional limitations or obligations on the payment of counsel and litigation expenses, those limitations and obligations take precedence over this Agreement.
5. The Backstop Fund is to be used to compensate counsel for Participating Local Governments that filed opioid lawsuits by September 1, 2020 ("Litigating Participating Local Governments"). Payments out of the Backstop Fund shall be determined by a committee consisting of one representative from each of the Litigating Participating Local Governments (the "Opioid Fee and Expense Committee").
6. The amount of the Backstop Fund shall be determined as follows: From any national Settlement, the funds in the Backstop Fund shall equal 14.25% of the LG Share for that Settlement. No portion of the State Share shall be used for the Backstop Fund or in any other way to fund any Participating Local Government's attorney's fees and costs. If required to do so by any Settlement, Participating Local Governments must report to the national Settlement Fund Administrator regarding contributions to, or payments from, the Backstop Fund.
7. The maximum percentage of any contingency fee agreement permitted for compensation shall be 25% of the portion of the LG Share attributable to the Litigating Participating Local Government that is a party to the contingency fee agreement, plus expenses attributable to that Litigating Participating Local Government, unless a Settlement or other court order imposes a lower limitation on contingency fees. Under no circumstances may counsel collect more for its work on behalf of a Litigating Participating Local Government than it would under its contingency agreement with that Litigating Participating Local Government.
8. Payments to counsel for Participating Local Governments shall be made from the Backstop Fund in the same percentages and over the same period of time as the national Contingency Fee Fund for each settlement. The Attorneys' Fees and Costs schedule for the Settling Distributors is listed in Exhibit R §(II)(S)(1) of the Settlement with the Settling

⁵ The State retained outside counsel in the Purdue litigation and if it is unable to secure payment of attorneys' fees and expenses from the bankruptcy proceedings in an amount sufficient to compensate outside counsel consistent with the terms of the State's contract with that outside counsel, any remaining attorneys' fees and expenses related to the representation of the State will first be paid directly from the total amount of Opioid Funds available to the Parties under that Settlement, up to the agreed amount in the outside counsel contract, and the distribution to the State and Participating Local Governments shall thereafter be made from the remaining funds.

Distributors.⁶ The Attorneys' Fees and Costs schedule for J&J is listed in Exhibit R §(II)(A)(1) of the Settlement with J&J.⁷ For future Settlements with other defendants in the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain, any necessary payments to counsel for Participating Local Governments shall be made from the Backstop Fund in the same percentages and over the same periods of time as the fee funds for those Settlements, if applicable, subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement set form in paragraph E(7) above.

9. Any funds remaining in the Backstop Fund in excess of the amounts needed to cover private counsel's representation agreements shall revert to the Participating Local Governments according to the percentages set forth in Exhibits B and C, to be used for Approved Purposes as set forth herein and in Exhibit A.

F. Compliance Reporting and Accountability

1. If the State and Participating Local Governments use a Trustee for purposes of distributing funds pursuant to any Settlement, the Trustee shall be requested to provide timely an up-to-date accounting of payments into or out of any trust established to hold such funds and/or its subaccounts upon written request of the State or a Participating Local Government.
2. The State, Regions, and Participating Local Governments may object to an allocation or expenditure of Opioid Funds solely on the basis that the allocation or expenditure at issue (1) is inconsistent with provision C(1) hereof with respect to the amount of the State Share or LG Share; (2) is inconsistent with an agreed-upon allocation, or the default allocations in Exhibits B and C, as contemplated by Section C(3); or (3) violates the limitations set forth in F(3) with respect to compensation of the Trustee. The objector shall have the right to bring that objection within two years of the date of its discovery to a superior court in Maricopa County, Arizona.
3. In the event that the State and Participating Local Governments use a Trustee, compensation for Trustee's expenses of fund administration may be paid out of the Opioid Funds for reasonable expenses; provided that, reasonable expenses do not exceed the administrative expenses allowed under the terms of the relevant Settlement.
4. The Parties shall maintain, for a period of at least five years, records of abatement expenditures and documents underlying those expenditures, so that it can be verified that funds are being or have been utilized in a manner consistent with the Approved Purposes definition. This requirement supersedes any shorter period of time specified in any applicable document retention or destruction policy.
5. At least annually, by July 31 of each year, each Region or Multicounty Region shall provide to the State a report detailing for the preceding fiscal year (1) the amount of the LG Share received by each Participating Local Government within the Region or Multicounty Region, (2) the allocation of any awards approved (listing the recipient, the amount awarded, the program to be funded, and disbursement terms), and (3) the amounts

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disbursed on approved allocations. In order to facilitate this reporting, each Participating Local Government within a Region or Multicounty Region shall provide information necessary to meet these reporting obligations to a delegate(s) selected by the Region or Multicounty Region to provide its annual report to the State. Any Participating Local Government shall also comply with any reporting requirements imposed by any Settlement.

6. No later than September 30 of each year, the State shall publish on its website a report detailing for the preceding fiscal year (1) the amount of the State Share received, (2) the allocation of any awards approved (listing the recipient, the amount awarded, the program to be funded, and disbursement terms), and (3) the amounts disbursed on approved allocations. In addition, the State shall publish on its website the reports described in F(5) above. The State shall also comply with any reporting requirements imposed by any Settlement.
7. If it appears to the State, a Region, or a Multicounty Region that the State or another Region or Multicounty Region is using or has used Settlement funds for non-Approved Purposes, the State, Region, or Multicounty Region may on written request seek and obtain the documentation underlying the report(s) described in F(5) or F(6), as applicable, including documentation described in F(4). The State, Region, or Multicounty Region receiving such request shall have 14 days to provide the requested information. The requesting party and the State, Region, or Multicounty Region receiving such request may extend the time period for compliance with the request only upon mutual agreement.
8. Following a request made pursuant to F(7) and when it appears that LG Share funds are being or have been spent on non-Approved Purposes, the State may seek and obtain in an action in a court of competent jurisdiction in Maricopa County, Arizona an injunction prohibiting the Region or Multicounty Region from spending LG Share funds on non-Approved Purposes and requiring the Region or Multicounty Region to return the monies that it spent on non-Approved Purposes after notice as is required by the rules of civil procedure. So long as the action is pending, distribution of LG Share funds to the Region or Multicounty Region temporarily will be suspended. Once the action is resolved, the suspended payments will resume, less any amounts that were ordered returned but have not been returned by the time the action is resolved.
9. Following a request made pursuant to F(7) and when it appears to at least eight Participating Counties that have signed on to this Agreement and a subsequent Settlement that the State Share funds are being or have been spent on non-Approved Purposes, the Participating Counties may seek and obtain in an action in a superior court of Maricopa County, Arizona an injunction prohibiting the State from spending State Share funds on non-Approved Purposes and requiring the State to return the monies it spent on non-Approved Purposes after notice as is required by the rules of civil procedure. So long as the action is pending, distribution of State Share funds to the State temporarily will be suspended. Once the action is resolved, the suspended payments will resume, less any monies that were ordered returned but have not been returned by the time the action is resolved.

10. In an action brought pursuant to F(8) or F(9), attorney's fees and costs shall not be recoverable.

G. Settlement Negotiations

1. The State and the Participating Local Governments agree to inform each other in advance of any negotiations relating to an Arizona-only settlement with a Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participant that includes both the State and the Participating Local Governments and shall provide each other the opportunity to participate in all such negotiations.
2. The State and the Participating Local Governments further agree to keep each other reasonably informed of all other global settlement negotiations with Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants. Neither this provision, nor any other, shall be construed to state or imply that either the State or the Participating Local Governments (collectively, the "Arizona Parties") are unauthorized to engage in settlement negotiations with Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants without prior consent or contemporaneous participation of the other, or that either party is entitled to participate as an active or direct participant in settlement negotiations with the other. Rather, while the State's and the Participating Local Government's efforts to achieve worthwhile settlements are to be collaborative, incremental stages need not be so.
3. The State or any Participating Local Government may withdraw from coordinated Settlement discussions detailed in this Section upon 10 business days' written notice to the other Arizona Parties and counsel for any affected Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participant. The withdrawal of any Arizona Party releases the remaining Arizona Parties from the restrictions and obligations in this Section.
4. The obligations in this Section shall not affect any Party's right to proceed with trial or, within 30 days of the date upon which a trial involving that Party's claims against a specific Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participant is scheduled to begin, reach a case-specific resolution with that particular Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participant.

H. Amendments

1. The Parties agree to make such amendments as necessary to implement the intent of this Agreement.

One Arizona Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds Agreement ACCEPTED by the undersigned and executed this _____ day of _____, 2021.

ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mark Brnovich

MARICOPA COUNTY

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