

AG Denn Offers Comments on Federal Opioid Prescribing Guidelines

Attorney General Matt Denn today offered support to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and its proposed guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain. In August of last year, Denn released his own plan to address substance use disorders in Delaware, which included a proposal to more tightly regulate the steps that health care providers must take before prescribing opiates.

The link between prescription drug abuse and heroin abuse has been recognized by the CDC, and as Attorney General Denn wrote in support of the guidelines, Delaware's medical providers recently ranked highest in the country in high-dose opioid pain relievers per 100 people, and second highest in the country in long-acting/extended relief opioid pain relievers per 100 people.

In order to make a stronger impact in the battle against substance abuse disorders, and help prevent more opioid and heroin related deaths, Denn encouraged the CDC to finalize the guidelines after reviewing public comment.

Information about the proposed guidelines can be found at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

Read [Attorney General Denn's comments on the CDC Guidelines](#) here.