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Press Release

D.A. Morrissey's message to those Impacted by Opioid Epidemic

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District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey is reminding people directly affected by the opioid epidemic that an important deadline is approaching.

June 30, 2020 is the last date that people harmed by Purdue Pharma's role in fueling the opioid epidemic can file a claim for compensation in the firm's pending bankruptcy.

"We have learned from our investigation of the hundreds of fatal overdoses occurring in Norfolk County in recent years, as well as our outreach, prevention, and education efforts, that many eventually fatal addictions began with a legal prescription for pain medicine," District Attorney Morrissey said.

"Parents, children, spouses, siblings, and those with substance use disorder themselves, have expressed outrage at the lack of accountability for those who gained unimaginable wealth while causing unimaginable misery," Morrissey said.

Purdue Pharma filed for bankruptcy in the Southern District of New York in September 2019. Chairman of Purdue Pharma Steve Miller was quoted in USA Today the following day: "This settlement framework avoids wasting hundreds of millions of dollars and years on protracted litigation and instead will provide billions of dollars and critical resources to communities across the country trying to cope with the opioid crisis."

Details on who is eligible to file a claim, and how to go about doing so, is available at www.purduepharmaclaims.com.

"As a District Attorney, I cannot provide anyone with civil legal advice," said Morrissey, who has worked with the FED UP Coalition to End the Opioid Epidemic over several years. "But as someone who has seen too much destruction because of this epidemic, I urge you to follow that link and read for yourself."



FILE A CLAIM IN THE PURDUE PHARMA BANKRUPTCY

CASE- DEADLINE IS JUNE 30, 2020

People who have been harmed by prescription opioids from Purdue Pharmaceutical have until June 30 to submit their claim.

Purdue drugs include Oxycontin. The victim, representatives of minors, or wrongful death claims, are eligible to file.

Problems that can earn reimbursement include death, addiction, loss of a spouse or wages, life enjoyment, or neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS).