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AG Schimel Statement on CDC Report on Declining Opioid Prescribing

MADISON, Wis. – Today, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) released [a report](#) that detailed opioid prescribing decreased each year from 2010 to 2015.

Attorney General Brad Schimel released the following statement in response to the report.

“Opioid prescribing across the nation is headed in the right direction. Responsible medical providers have recognized the role they play in reducing opioid dependence and have been a crucial partner in our state’s battle against drug abuse. Credit for recent success is also owed to Governor Walker, Lieutenant Governor Kleefisch, and our elected officials who, under Rep. Nygren’s leadership, have advanced the HOPE agenda, which is saving lives and transforming the way we think about addiction. I am confident law enforcement and Wisconsin’s political leaders, along with leading voices in the state’s medical community, will continue to have a profound impact on opioid abuse and make our state safer and stronger.

“There is still a lot of work to be done here in Wisconsin and I look forward to continuing the battle against these deadly drugs through enforcement actions and law enforcement trainings, and will carry on with successful prevention efforts like the Dose of Reality public awareness campaign and disposing of unused medications at biannual drug take back days, both of which are changing attitudes toward drug abuse and dispelling the myths about addiction.”