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AG Kaul Statement Following US Attorneys Notification to Prescribers

MADISON, Wis. – Today, U.S. Attorneys Scott Blader and Matthew Krueger <u>notified</u> <u>medical professionals</u> with relatively high levels of opioid prescriptions to review their prescribing practices. Following this action Attorney General Josh Kaul issued the following statement:

"Thank you U.S. Attorneys Krueger and Blader for sending these notices out to providers. While the medical community has played an important role in addressing the opioid epidemic, we need to ensure that all medical professionals are prescribing responsibly," said Attorney General Josh Kaul.

Members of the public who have unused or unwanted medications can dispose of them safely and conveniently at more than 400 drug disposal boxes around Wisconsin. Unused or expired medicine should never be flushed or poured down the drain. Water reclamation facilities are not designed to remove all of them and trace amounts of pharmaceuticals are showing up in rivers and lakes.

To find a drug disposal box near you, go to www.doseofrealitywi.gov/find-a-take-back-location/.