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Deadline Extended for Local Government to Participate in National Opioid Settlement

The deadline for local governments to sign on to participate in the [National Opioid Settlement](#) has been extended until January 26, 2022. Previously local governments across the country had until January 2, 2022, to sign on to participate in the settlement.

As you are likely aware, a national settlement agreement has been reached between national pharmaceutical distributors and states and local governments regarding the distributors' role in the nationwide opioid abuse crisis. The settlement provides substantial funds to states and local governments for abatement of the opioids epidemic and will impose transformative changes in the way the settling distributors conduct business.

The total amount of settlement funds allocated to each state is dependent upon the number of counties and municipalities that agree to participate. Greater participation from local governments triggers additional settlement funding distribution to the state. You do not need to have filed a lawsuit to be part of the settlement, or to participate. However, you do need to complete an electronic [settlement registration](#) and return the executed participation agreements before the extended January 26, 2022 deadline.

For more information on the settlement and the extension, please see the [website](#) created by the settlement officers. You can also find more information on the Settlement Agreement and the participation process on the League's [Opioid Settlement Resource](#) page, which also includes information from last month's webinar with the State Attorney General's Office and Governor's Office.

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