



Weekly Update on Daniel's Law

Dear All,

This is a weekly newsletter created to keep everyone up-to-date with the progress happening around Daniel's Law. This newsletter will discuss; new information about Daniel's Law as it's introduced, relevant information about the opioid crisis at the state and federal level, and it will serve as a platform for groups, like Daniel's Law, that are working on creating solutions to help resolve this nationwide health epidemic. If you would like to include information from your organization in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continuing support.

60 Minute Segment "The Whistleblower"

Washington D.C. lawmakers and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) are facing public scrutiny after an explosive joint investigation aired on "60 Minutes" last week. Former DEA-Agent Joe Rannazzisi provides insight into the investigation when he told reporters that the opioid crisis has been "fueled by the pharmaceutical industry and congress."

60 Minutes drew data from the CDC to show that overdose deaths in the United States have more than doubled over the past decade. Additionally, Over 88,000 people have died from opioid overdoses from 1999 to 2015.

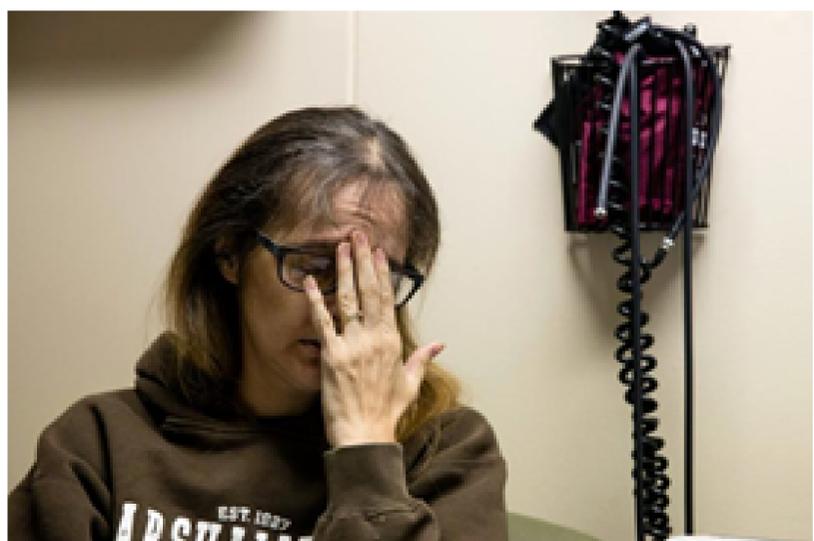
Check out the entire 60 Minute segment [here](#)



Cash-only Suboxone clinics fuel fears of new 'pill mills'

An article released in the Columbus Dispatch last week claimed that Suboxone clinics throughout Ohio are turning into the new 'pill mills'. According to the Dispatch, this is due, in large part, to the lack of state regulation . Dr. Ted Parran of St. Vincent Charity Medical Center in Cleveland states that "When you see exponential growth in a clinical service, then there probably is a huge margin in terms of profit. It's called capitalism. But when capitalism calls for asking for cash from desperate addicts, then you have to worry about whether the appropriate services are being provided."

To help address this issue, legislative reform is needed for all Office Based Opioid Treatment centers (OBOTZ) . Daniel's Law would reform the current guidelines allowed in these facilities. It would require physicians to take continuing education classes on addiction treatment, it would require the clinics to provide addiction treatment counseling onsite, and, if the physician determines that they cannot provide the patient with the appropriate treatment option, they must refer the patient to an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP). The underlying cause of addiction can rarely be treated with a one size fits all approach. Daniel's Law would expand treatment options and limit the abuse of MAT's.



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