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National

Purdue Pharma and Sacklers reach \$6 billion opioid settlement agreement with states CNN

Purdue Pharma and the Sackler families reached a settlement with a group of states this week that would require the Sacklers to pay out as much as \$6 billion to states, individual claimants, and opioid crisis abatement, if approved by a federal bankruptcy court judge.

The new agreement, reached after eight states and the District of Columbia ultimately appealed a previous deal, is civil and does not provide protection to the Sackler families from any future liability relating to the opioid crisis.

If approved, the Sacklers will shell out a billion dollars more than the previous agreement.

Connecticut

Agencies Still Fighting Opioids As Overdoses Kept Rising Through COVID-19 Pandemic CT News Junkie

Fairfield CARES is one of several organizations throughout the state to recently receive a \$5,000 mini-grant from the State Opioid Response Grant program. Catherine Hazlett, program director and coalition coordinator for Fairfield CARES, said the money will be used to collect opioid data from local state sources, to educate the community regarding safe storage of medications, and to participate in "Drug Take Back Day" in April when families are encouraged to safely dispose of unused medication.



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