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Subject: FW: Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch Letter to the Governor

See below – Let's plan to circle up after the staff meeting on Monday to discuss. Thank you.

From: Patel, Swati
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2016 11:52 AM
To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Cc: Taylor, Richele
Subject: Re: Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch Letter to the Governor

This is helpful. Let's discuss #1.

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On Sep 21, 2016, at 4:43 PM, Schimsa, Rebecca <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Swati,

The current status of USDOJ recommended best practices for Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week in our state are as follows:

Best Practice #1—Require registration and utilization of PMP by prescribers and dispensers: Currently, there is no statewide mandate to require registration and utilization of PMP, beyond the third party payer policy instituted by HHS earlier this year for Medicaid and PEBA reimbursements. However, our office has heard that Rep. Henderson plans to file a bill that would provide this mandate; while the language has not yet been reviewed by our staff, both LLR and DHEC staff have reviewed it and were asked to provide comment. **Please advise on whether we should proactively reach out to Rep. Henderson.**

Best Practice #2 – Provide data reports from PMP to alert prescribers (e.g. report cards): Currently, due to a recent CDC grant, DHEC will be able to provide data reports to prescribers beginning in First Quarter 2017, which will track prescription histories of patients and alert prescribers when a certain pattern is triggered (e.g. when a patient has received five prescriptions from five different prescribers in less than three months, then each prescriber will receive an email or letter alerting them to this patient and requesting they utilize PMP.)

Best Practice #3 – Establish a comprehensive multi-disciplinary action team to address opioid issues: Governor Haley established the Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Council in 2014.

Best Practice #4 – Encourage PMP operability between states: Currently, SC PMP (DHEC SCRIPTS) has access to 26 states' PMP databases, which is a significant volume, including GA but not including NC. Note that one of the PDAP Council's recommendations requested the Governor to send a letter to Governor McCrory, which was done, and our office has heard that issues between the state and vendor are preventing the operability from occurring.

Thank you,

Becca

On Sep 20, 2016, at 9:27 PM, Patel, Swati <SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

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Good Afternoon,

Attached is a letter from Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch to Governor Nikki R. Haley.

Thank you,
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