

**Florida Subdivision Participation Form**

Governmental Entity: Pinellas County	State: Florida
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The governmental entity identified above (“Governmental Entity”), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity consistent with the material terms of the National Settlement Agreement with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Corporation (“Settling Distributors”), dated July 21, 2021 (“National Distributor Settlement”), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the National Distributor Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the National Distributor Settlement, understands that all terms in this Election and Release have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Participation Form, the Governmental Entity elects to participate consistent with the material terms of the National Distributor Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein pursuant to the terms of the National Distributor Settlement or pursuant to terms consistent with the National Distributor Settlement.
2. The Governmental Entity’s election to participate is specifically conditioned on participation by Litigating Subdivisions representing 95% or more of the population (combined) of Litigating Subdivisions in Florida. Should the combined population of the Litigating Subdivisions in Florida that participate be less than 95% of the population (combined) of the Litigating Subdivisions in Florida, this Election and Release shall be deemed void and no claims shall be released.
3. The Governmental Entity’s execution of this Participation Agreement shall serve as the Governmental Entity’s acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Florida Opioid Allocation And Statewide Response Agreement dated November 15, 2021.
4. The Governmental Entity shall, within 14 days of the Reference Date prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, secure the dismissal with prejudice of any Released Claims that it has filed.
5. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the National Distributor Settlement pertaining to Subdivisions as defined collectively therein.

6. By agreeing to the terms of the National Distributor Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
7. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the National Distributor Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.
8. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity's state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court's role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the National Distributor Settlement. If the National Distributor Settlement is finalized, the Governmental Entity likewise agrees to arbitrate before the National Arbitration Panel as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent otherwise provided in the National Distributor Settlement.
9. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the National Distributor Settlement as collectively provided therein.
10. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the National Distributor Settlement, including but not limited to, all provisions of Part XI and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the National Distributor Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The National Distributor Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
11. The Governmental Entity hereby takes on all rights and obligations of a Participating Subdivision consistent with the National Distributor Settlement.
12. In connection with the releases provided for in the National Distributor Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

**General Release; extent.** A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, and that if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the National Distributor Settlement.

13. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the National Distributor Settlement to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees, with the exception of the requisite Litigating Government participation level.

I swear under penalty of perjury that I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Election and Release on behalf of the Governmental Entity

Signature: 

Name: Barry A. Burton

Title: Pinellas County Administrator

Date: December 2, 2021

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

By: Christy Donovan Pemberton  
Office of the County Attorney