



Letter to the Editor

OxyContin: A Federal Threat

I am writing to let the readership know that the federal government has a major focus on pain treatment in general and prescriptions for OxyContin in particular. The government is able to review OxyContin prescriptions by ZIP Code and is focusing on high volume prescribers.

The government is bringing numerous actions against physicians, including actions for false claims, medically unnecessary prescriptions, unlawful distribution, dispensing for financial gain, and related offenses.

Also, even when there is no suggestion of financial gain, federal and state officials are working together to prosecute physicians who they believe are inappropriately prescribing OxyContin.

Physicians prescribing OxyContin should carefully review their prescribing practices.

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