

West Virginia Society of Interventional Pain Physicians

August 15, 2016

West Virginia Attorney General 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East State Capitol Building 1, Room 26-E Charleston, West Virginia 25305

RE: Best Practices Initiatives

Dear Attorney General Morrisey,

The West Virginia Society of Interventional Pain Physicians (WVSIPP) is pleased to offer unequivocal support for the *Best Practices Initiatives* developed by your office. As a professional society focused on the management of painful chronic conditions, we are keenly aware of the individual and societal devastation related to the opioid addiction crisis both in our state and nationally. By preparing these best practices guidelines, the State of West Virginia has taken a proactive leadership approach that other states will likely soon emulate.

The West Virginia Society of Interventional Pain Physicians represents those physicians and practitioners who have dedicated their professional careers to helping those with painful, life altering conditions. The goals of our Society are further supported by the hard work and dedication of your team in the development of these guidelines.

We are most appreciative of your efforts to work on this critical healthcare issue and look forward to working on future initiatives.

Sincerely,