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Statement from Governor Hassan on New FDA Opioid Warning Labeling Requirement

CONCORD – Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement on the announcement that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requiring class-wide safety labeling changes for immediate-release opioid pain medications, including a new boxed warning about the serious risks of misuse, abuse, addiction, overdose and death:

“As we work to prevent the overprescribing of opioids in New Hampshire through improved provider training and updated prescribing rules, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s new labeling requirement for immediate-release opioids warning about the serious risks of misuse, abuse, addiction, overdose and death will help build on our efforts. I applaud the FDA for taking this important step, and I continue to call on them to take additional steps as outlined in the recommendations that my fellow Governors and I put forward for federal action to help combat the heroin and opioid crisis, including additional work on abuse-deterrent formulations of opioid painkillers by the administration.”

[The National Governors Association recommendations can be found at \[www.nga.org/cms/home/news-room/news-releases/2016--news-releases/col2-content/governors-recommendations-opioid_default.html\]\(http://www.nga.org/cms/home/news-room/news-releases/2016--news-releases/col2-content/governors-recommendations-opioid_default.html\).](http://www.nga.org/cms/home/news-room/news-releases/2016--news-releases/col2-content/governors-recommendations-opioid_default.html)

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