

[PATIENT LETTER – ACUTE PAIN TREATMENT]

Dear Patient:

Doctors, nurses, and pharmacists in Ohio are worried about the misuse of pain medicine. Ohio sees too many deaths from the misuse of prescription pain medicine. That is why I will talk with you about a plan to treat your pain safely.

We will start by talking about:

- Your pain level.
- Your medical history.
- Any history of drug abuse by you or family members.

We will work together to create a pain treatment plan for you. We will discuss things like:

- Ways to treat your pain without prescription pain medicine.
- Other pain medicines you can take.
- How to take prescription pain medicine safely if you need it.
- Limiting the amount of prescription pain medicine you receive to keep you safe.
- Being careful about what other medicine you take with prescription pain medicine.
- Touching base to see how you are doing.

We also will talk about:

- How to safely store your prescription pain medicine so other people cannot take it.
- How to safely throw away pain medicine that you do not use.
- Whether we should sign an agreement that says what you and your doctor will do in order to keep you safe when you are taking a prescription pain medicine.

I care about your safety. That is why I will talk with you about all of these things and work with you to treat your pain safely.

Sincerely,