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Ohio Department of Medicaid Medical Director Dr. Mary Applegate talks about Ohio's new acute pain prescribing guidelines at today's Statehouse press conference.

>>> Ohio Unveils Opioid Prescribing Guidelines for Acute Pain

As part of Ohio's continuing effort to curb the misuse and abuse of prescription pain medications and unintentional overdoses, the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team today announced the adoption of new opioid prescribing guidelines for the outpatient management of patients with acute pain. The [new guidelines](#), which recommend non-opioid treatment options and limiting the amount of opioids used to treat acute pain, expand upon Ohio's prescribing guidelines for emergency departments and acute care facilities, and for treatment of chronic pain lasting longer than 12 weeks. All three sets of guidelines have been developed in conjunction with clinical professional associations, providers, state licensing



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Dakota Brooks, a Central Ohio man in recovery, gets a supportive hug from Ohio Department of Aging Dir. Bonnie K. Burman after sharing how a high school sports injury led him down a path of addiction.

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