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MEMORANDUM

TO:	Greene County Board of Supervisors
FROM:	Terry Beigie, Grant Writer
SUBJECT:	Authorization to join new national opioids settlement
DATE:	November 10, 2026

Recommended action:

Direct the County Administrator to "opt in" to the new settlement agreement with Albertsons.

Background:

The opioid crisis is a national epidemic that caused thousands of deaths and hospitalizations from opioid addiction, among other social problems. Previously the County chose to join other counties and states in a settlement agreement with pharmaceutical distributors and retailers. In 2022, states worked to reach a settlement with retail pharmacies for their role in the opioid crisis. Each state was given until the end of 2022 to "opt in" to the settlement (Virginia has elected to join).

During the first quarter of 2023, each locality was given the chance "opt in" to settlement against retail pharmacies, Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart. During this first quarter of fiscal year 2025, localities were able to "opt in" to the settlement against Kroger and its subsidiaries. In the first quarter of fiscal year 2026, localities were given the opportunity to "opt in" to the national opioids settlement reached with Purdue (and certain affiliates) and the Sackler family. In the second quarter, localities were invited to participate with the latest manufacturers' opioid settlement.

This settlement, like the previous agreements with the pharmaceutical companies and retail pharmacies, will distribute money to states and localities to help with drug treatment services and prevention. This fall, we have the option to join in against Albertsons. We have until December 30, 2026, to opt-in.