GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order 2016-06
Prescription Opioid; Initial Fill Limitation

WHEREAS, an estimated two million people in the United States have a prescription opioid use disorder; and

WHEREAS, more than 14,000 people died from prescription opioid overdoses in 2014; and

WHEREAS, there has been a 300% increase in opioid prescription sales in the United States in the last fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has the ninth highest rate of opioid deaths in the nation; and

WHEREAS, 401 people in Arizona died of prescription opioid overdoses in 2015; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 there were enough prescription pain medications dispensed to medicate every adult in Arizona around the clock for two weeks; and

WHEREAS, the majority of heroin users began by using prescription opioids; and

WHEREAS, addiction can affect people across all sections of society; and

WHEREAS, we must do all we can to not only treat those currently suffering from addiction, but to prevent future addictions; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona provides health insurance to hundreds of thousands of people through the State Medicaid and employee health plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Arizona hereby declare the following:

1. The Directors of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) shall adopt any necessary policies and rules to limit the initial fill of any prescription opioid to no more than seven days.

2. The Directors of AHCCCS and ADOA shall adopt any necessary policies and rules to limit all initial and subsequent opioid prescriptions for minors to no more than seven days, except in the case of cancer, other chronic disease, or traumatic injury.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Twenty-fourth day of October in the Year Two Thousand Sixteen and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State