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achieved 100 percent participation among those counties and municipalities.

New Jersey [announced](#) its participation in the settlements in August 2021, and eligible counties and municipalities were given until January 26, 2022 to sign on. During that time state, county, and local officials have been working together to ensure that New Jersey receives the maximum possible benefit from the settlements, with assistance from the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and New Jersey Association of Counties.

The defendant companies are expected to announce by February 25, 2022, whether the deal will go forward, which will depend on whether enough state subdivisions from around the country have signed up. If all states and eligible subdivisions participate, the agreements will be valued at \$26 billion nationwide.

"The opioid crisis has devastated too many New Jersey families, and ending the opioid epidemic continues to be one of my Administration's highest priorities," said **Governor Phil Murphy**. "The funds received from this settlement will aid critical opioid use disorder and harm reduction resources and programs, which will strengthen our ability to save lives by preventing overdose deaths and connecting New Jerseyans to supports and treatment when they need it most. I am proud that our counties and



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provide critical support for and access to treatment, prevention and harm reduction programs for individuals and families throughout the state who are struggling with addiction or who have lost a loved one to an overdose.”

“New Jersey has long been a leader in prevention, treatment, and recovery for individuals and families affected by opioid use disorder,” said **Acting Human Services Commissioner Sarah Adelman**. “This settlement provides critical resources to expand life-saving programs and practices – and to save lives. We look forward to working with state and local partners as we help communities heal and avoid further tragedies caused by the opioid epidemic. We also continue to urge anyone needing assistance to call 844-ReachNJ for 24/7 addiction treatment assistance. We are here to help.”

“Our local communities have been the front lines in the opioids crisis, facing firsthand the devastating impacts on our communities and our families. We appreciate the partnership with the Murphy Administration and with NJAC in achieving 100% participation, and hope to bring much needed resources to confront this epidemic,” said **Mike Cerra, Executive Director of the New Jersey League of Municipalities**.

“The announcement today by Acting Attorney General Bruck is great news in the State’s long-standing battle against the opioid crisis, which has destroyed countless lives, families, and communities for far too long. Whether it’s providing educational programs, peer counseling



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