



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #273**

**Relating to the Implementation of the Recommendations of the  
Co-Chairs of the Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse**

**WHEREAS**, I have previously created a Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse and designated Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch and State Representative John Nygren as co-chairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force has met over the course of the past two years to hear testimony from experts, study the issue, and receive technical assistance from scholars associated with The Pew Charitable Trusts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Co-Chairs have prepared a report recommending a number of actions to be undertaken by State agencies;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and specifically by section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby order the following:

1. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services shall:
  - a. Convene a Governor's Faith-Based Summit on Opioids for pastors, priests, parish nurses, and others involved in faith-based community organizations confronting the prevention, intervention, recovery, and criminal justice consequences of this crisis.
  - b. Work with the Law Enforcement Standards Board to develop and deploy training and best practices around law enforcement and medical first responder encounters with fentanyl and opioid-intoxication incidents.
  - c. Apply for a federal grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to develop a technology application that tracks treatment capacity for substance abuse services.
  - d. Work with stakeholders to develop uniform statewide standards for data submission on people seeking substance abuse treatment.
  - e. Review whether to require prior authorization for buprenorphine treatment combination drugs for BadgerCare enrollees other than pregnant women.
  - f. Work with the Department of Corrections to better facilitate continuity of care for offenders reentering society at the conclusion of their prison terms by developing offender-only service units with contracted managed care organizations within BadgerCare.
2. The Wisconsin Department of Children & Families shall revise its Child Protective Services Standards and eWiSACWIS software program to better document and track substance abuse issues arising in child welfare cases.

3. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation - Division of State Patrol and Wisconsin Department of Administration - Division of Capitol Police shall incorporate the ODMAP application into their officer technology to ensure accurate and timely reporting and response for overdose incidents.
4. The Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse shall continue its important work under the leadership of its Co-Chairs, to whom I extend my appreciation for their hard work preparing these recommendations.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done in the City of Eau Claire this nineteenth day of January in the year two thousand eighteen.

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SCOTT WALKER  
Governor

By the Governor:

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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State