



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ★ DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION
DIVERSION CONTROL DIVISION

Diversion Enforcement News

National Healthcare Fraud Enforcement Action Results in Charges of More than \$2.75 Billion in False Claims



The Department of Justice announced the 2024 National Health Care Fraud Enforcement action on June 27, 2024. This resulted in criminal charges against 193 defendants, including 76 doctors, nurse practitioners, and other licensed medical professionals in 32 federal districts across the United States, for their alleged participation in various health care fraud schemes involving approximately \$2.75 billion in intended losses and \$1.6 billion in actual losses.

In March 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government authorized the broader use of telemedicine services to allow patients access to needed health services and medications without requiring an in-person visit.

While this ease of access to healthcare services expanded availability and convenience to patients, individuals like Ruthia He, the founder and CEO of Done Global, and David Brody, the clinical president of Done Health, exploited the expansion for profit.

Telemedicine plays an important role by ensuring access and continuity of needed medical care to all Americans.

Read the [press release](#) and [remarks](#) delivered by Principal Deputy Administrator George Papadopoulos.

DEA Partners with Federal Agencies to Address Opioid Rapid Response

Federal partners from across the country convened in Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss the importance of the Opioid Rapid Response Program and collaborate efforts.

DEA Deputy Assistant Administrator Matthew Strait discussed DEA's role in the Opioid Rapid Response Program at the Opioid Preparedness National Partner Convening.



DEA is committed to making sure patients can get the care they need in the event a doctor or medical facility is unable to provide treatment due to enforcement action against the medical provider.

Learn more about how federal partners work together to ensure [continuity of patient care](#).

Make Every Day Take Back Day

Every Day is Take Back Day
Dispose of unneeded medication

17,000 locations nationwide

- Clean them out.
- Take them back.
- All year long.

DEA NATIONAL TAKEBACK

DEA has registered a record number of authorized collectors – pharmacies and medical facilities – to collect unused and unwanted prescription drugs year-round. As part of the Every Day is Take Back Day campaign, the community can dispose of old pharmaceutical drugs at locations nationwide.

Close to 17,000 pharmacies and hospitals are helping to clean out medicine cabinets throughout the year. Those locations can be found here. In addition, many police departments provide year-round drop boxes.

Visit <https://www.dea.gov/everyday-takeback-day> and learn what you can do to stop drug misuse before it starts.

DEA also hosts a bi-annual National Prescription Drug Take Back Day to turn in unused, unwanted medications. Stay tuned for information on the fall Take Back Day.

DEA Reaches Nurse Practitioners from Across the Country



DEA Diversion Control Division staff answered questions and provided information to nurse practitioners across the country at the 2024 American Association of Nurse Practitioners conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Experts fielded questions on new Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) training requirements, registration guidelines, and other hot industry topics.

Staff also addressed registration guidelines for practicing in multiple states or at multiple locations in the same state. Read the latest on [MAT](#)

[training](#) and helpful [Q&As](#).

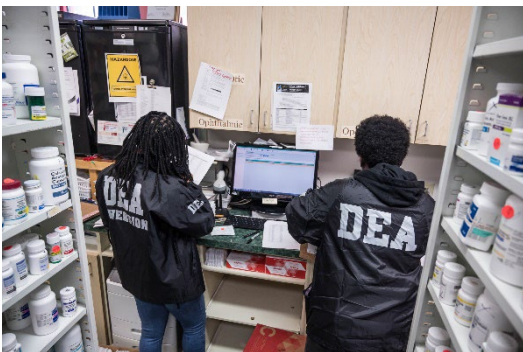
The conference is the largest nurse practitioner event of the year with an attendance of approximately 4,800



The Diversion Control Division Wants to Hear from You!

If you are a DEA registrant, you may have received a survey invitation from the DEA. Don't miss the opportunity to share your business's opinions and needs! Thousands of registrants have already given their feedback, and there is still time to respond! Your answers to our survey will help the Diversion Control Division improve the applications developed for all DEA registrants and other services provided to the registrant community.

Questions about the survey may be directed to Diversion.Control.IT.Modernization.Survey@dea.gov.



DEA's Diversion Control Division strives to prevent, detect, and investigate the diversion of controlled pharmaceuticals and listed chemicals from legitimate sources. When the safety and health of the American people is in jeopardy, DEA takes action against those who violate the law.

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OptumRx Agrees to Pay \$20M to Resolve Allegations that It Filled Certain Opioid Prescriptions in Violation of the Controlled Substances Act

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Statement from DEA Administrator Anne Milgram on Done Global Inc.

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