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I have been a disabled chronic pain patient for 16 years & stable on opioid medication. Since the 2016 opioid guidelines came out I have been harmed in the following manner- I experienced a national shortage where I couldn’t get my prescription for 30 days, I couldn’t find any pharmacy that would fill my prescription. I was forced into pain management because the pharmacy said that cdc guidelines required that even though my health improved with my pcp taking care of my pain management, then in pain management I was given an ultimatum to get injected or be forced into a taper, I became disabled from being given too many SEI injections. So they injected me and I had an adverse reaction to my health again. Because of the dea/cdc interference into pain medicine, I now have to go through mail order to get my prescription because no pharmacy will accept me because of my disability, and it is often late 5 days after the 30 day deadline, the entire process is so stressful that my blood pressure increases every refill process . My health has declined as my pain has increased and my medication has decreased. I have been physically & mentally harmed by the guidelines. Doctors are scared to prescribe so they don’t want to take on pain patients. We are being harmed. We are being gaslit.