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I am commenting on the 202412-0920-006 on the evaluation on opioid prescribed for pain under the 2022 guidelines of the cycle.

I am a chronic pain patient. I suffer from scoliosis, fibromyagia, severe osteoarthritis, fatigue, degenerative disc disease, spondylitis, muscle cramps, fusion of right thumb after complete ulnar collateral ligament tear, also suffered from the same injury on my left thumb which required surgery and cannot be fixed. I also have undergone 2 neck fusions 11 months apart, it started as c5-c7 fusion which was taken out and c4-t1 fusion. During the middle of those 11 months I also had back fusion surgery for l2-l3 which there was no disc left etc. 4 major surgeries in 14 months. I am still recovering and know my health and body will never be the same. Your reduction of opioid pills manufactured in the USA is not HELPING!!! Those individuals who over dose are not under Dr's care, they over dose from the junk they get off the streets. I had a niece who overdosed 6 months ago and guess who i blame??? Her Dr's for not treating her mental illness. She got the drugs from the street!! Not a Dr's care. By reducing the amount of medicine you make has cause undue hardship for the chronic pain community. We are stigmatized as drug seekers and addicted which is not the case for this community. This community has less than 1% who over dose but if you look to the streets you'll find many over dosing from drugs brought in by the open borders and cartels. We have to undergo strict rules to even get our medication which many of us is the only way we can function in society. Many of us have no choice but to take this medication. The facts about opioids has been grossly misrepresented causing this next generation to think if you take pain meds you are addicted. The facts speak for themselves but unfortunately our cries are falling on deaf ears. The poor doctors are not even able to care for there patients without looking over there shoulders wondering if those in power are going to try and punish them for helping they're patients. We as a community are being forced to choose between non fda approved injections or spinal stimulator which both are junk ways to treat chronic pain and cause way More harm than good. We are being forced to jump through hoops to just try and live a life we did not ask for. It took me 3 months in Florida to find a Dr to prescribe my pain meds. The amount of er visits urgent cares visits Dr's visits would be so high my insurance would kick me off. There are days I vomit uncontrollably from pain in my neck and shoulders. The only way I get better is ending up in the er. All 3 of my fusions have failed. I have had new mri done on my neck and back and honestly I do not want any more surgeries i do not want to go through more injections. I will not get a spinal stimulator placed.

And what is up with surgeons now refusing to prescribe pain medication after surgeries aka Michigan saying a mom can go through a double mastectomy with only Tylenol and advil for pain control after. Are you serious?? Surgery without any pain meds??

I know my voice prob won't mean a damn thing. But I will tell you

Your only creating chaos and harm to the citizens of this great country. Oh and prescribing suboxone or buprenorphine for pain is destroying a body. True opioid do not cause teeth decay. True opioid will not cause the addiction that these 2 synthetic drugs cause. I pray when you go through surgery no meds 4u