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I am a chronic pain patient i have EDS, HPP and a multitude of count morbid conditions. My life has severely been effected by these strict, unessecary guidelines. Alot of which the medications that they tru replacing opioids with come with much worse side effects that could be life long or even deadly. I have struggled to find appropriate care for myself, so many times I've been left in the hospital in serve pain and doctors refusing to use any kind of pain meds even though I have been a diligent and good standing patient who has been treated with daily low dose opiods, i have never been an addict but I've been treated like one, looked down on for taking a daily medication that makes my quality of life better even if it's minimal. It could be better managed if I could find a doctor that isn't afraid of the guidelines put in place. Doctors took an path. "Do no harm" and all this is doing is causing harm to good people who just want pain relief from these terribly painful conditions. People shouldn't be afraid to get surgery because they are terrified they will be left to suffer. People have died from untreated pain, people have suffered grave medical episodes due to untreated pain. People chose to not be here anymore because of untreated pain. My husband is a combat veteran, he had emergency back surgery that led to foot issues including severe pain and loss of function, it swells and turns purple...he has been on every off label/alternative pain medicine, creams, patches, tens unit, PT and the VA refuses to perscribe opioids unless it's "belbuca" of course because they get paid to prescribe it but nothing that is actually proven to have pain relief benefits. Allow doctors to do their jobs again and stop filling their heads with lies to make them so against people who need this medication, it is life sustaining for some of us.