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Ever since 2016, I have had to deal with endless problems from insurance and pharmacies who THINK pay meds should be under 90 MME. For long-term pain patients, this amount is rarely enough. The DEA manufacturing and pharmacy ordering restrictions mean that much of the time, the pharmacies are OUT OF STOCK half of the month of these meds. Life in pain is horrible, but the CDC made things so much worse. Dependency is NOT addiction. Drs should not be forceably tapering stable patients to meet that artificial 90 MME number. Drs are telling patients either you taper or you get nothing. Buprenorphine is NOT a good drug for pain and changing patients from morphine or hydromorphone is causing needless pain and anxiety. Drug addicts are rarely those going into pain management offices. Stop with the testing of legit long term patients. None of the 2016 or 2022 recommendations improved anything. You got suckered by PROP. You've managed to kill patients with your holier than thou ideas. Illicit fentanyl is killing patients that you are driving on to the streets with your grand ideas of stopping addiction. Leave drs and patients alone.