

Alabama's Opioid Settlementsⁱ

The United States is in the **midst of a crisis** on its streets and in its communities as **overdoses, homelessness, and disorder reach record levels**. Yet settlement proceeds secured by the State of Alabama present an **unprecedented opportunity for generational investment** in treatment capacity for chronic substance abuse (CSA) and severe mental illness (SMI).

Alabama is set to receive **more than \$850 million** (\$817,653,141.84) in opioid settlement funds—equal to nearly one-third of the state's share of the monumental Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.¹ With twenty separate settlements and payments spread out over decades, the funds are **at risk of being squandered** through ad-hoc allocations to **diffuse and disorganized efforts**.

The state must ensure that this opportunity for treatment investment is not underutilized. **Alabama can make targeted investments in treatment capacity** that will **honor those who suffered** in the opioid crisis and **ensure accessible care** for decades to come.

Alabama reserves half (\$421,348,919.68) of funds for use by the state and allocates the remainder to subdivisions.² ⁱⁱ It appears that the legislature is in charge of the state's share of funds, though, on the recommendation of the Oversight Commission on Alabama Opioid Settlement Funds, the state has mostly allocated the funds to the Alabama Department of Mental Health for state programs and further disbursement.³

The state must rein in the misallocation of these funds and prioritize investments in comprehensive treatment networks. **Three priorities** (Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, secure psychiatric beds, and community SMI/CSA response) **will ensure these funds have the largest impact** on Alabama.

ⁱ Documentation verifying a settlement with Walmart is not available, though the state may have settled with the defendant. Alabama open records requests are only available for citizens of the state. The facts of this brief will not reflect a potential settlement with Walmart until proper documentation is released. Submissions may be submitted to jakob@ciceroinstitute.org.

ⁱⁱ With the exception of the McKinsey and Publicis settlements, in which the state controls 100 percent of funds.

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)

CCBHCs, designed to ensure access to coordinated comprehensive behavioral health care, have stable funding and are supported by all recent presidential administrations. CCBHCs are a key response to the opioid crisis and can augment other services such as police crisis response teams, homelessness outreach and services, and outpatient psychiatric commitment services.

- **Solution: Fund the development and expansion of CCBHCs.**
 - o Expand the CCBHC footprint with an emphasis on a team-based approach to co-occurring disorders.
 - o Create a stepped approach to SMI/CSA treatment with services provided by the CCBHCs.
 - o Require CCBHCs to offer specific care pathways to meet the needs of individuals with co-occurring disorders.

State Psychiatric Hospitals

Inpatient beds in secure facilities are critical for serving the highest-acuity psychiatric patients. Alabama currently has only **5.3 state psychiatric beds** per 100,000 people available for civil (i.e., non-criminal) patients.⁴⁵ Treatment Advocacy Center recommends a rate of 30-60 beds per 100,000. Even counting non-public secure psychiatric beds, Alabama still falls short of the minimum.⁶ Secure beds are a costly but necessary expenditure to protect patients with severe psychiatric disorders and the public at large.

- **Solution: Fund the expansion of civil psychiatric beds.**
 - o Invest in expanding state hospital capacity.
 - o Move forensic (criminal) commitments to a jail-based restoration facility.
 - o Apply for one of several Section 1115(a) waivers to expand Medicaid reimbursement for institutions for mental diseases (IMDs).

Inpatient Stabilization Centers and Mobile Crisis Teams

Emergency departments (EDs) are supposed to be a last resort for times of true emergencies but are increasingly used for all types of immediate-need medical care. This is especially true for low- to medium-acuity mental health crises. In order for CCBHCs and state psychiatric bed expansions to have the largest impact, there must be an immediate triage of low-acuity patients from higher-need patients, or else investments in these facilities will be drowned out, overburdened, and underutilized by those that need them most, just like emergency departments.

- **Solution: Fund community-based mental health response resources.**
 - o Expand community-based recovery centers, including voluntary short-term respite housing, especially for young adults.
 - o Leverage CCBHC resources to develop comprehensive mobile crisis response teams in conjunction with police crisis intervention teams (CIT).
 - o Support integration of community resources with crisis networks such as the Lifeline to support those in need or provide guidance for concerned loved ones.

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STATE-CONTROLLED FUNDS	ALL FUNDS	2025 EOY FUNDS RECEIVED - STATE	2025 EOY FUNDS RECEIVED - ALL	Av. Receipt (All Funds) / Yr (*20)
\$421,348,919.68	\$817,653,141.84	\$144,248,506.05	\$263,452,314.73	\$40,882,657.09

2021 National Opioid Settlement

2022 National Opioid Settlement

Alabama v. CVS

- [Final Consent Judgment](#)
- The State of Alabama v. Endo Health Solutions, Inc., et al., Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Case No. 03-CV-2019-901174 (filed 2019-06-20)

Alabama v. Walgreens

- [Final Consent Judgment](#)
- The State of Alabama v. Endo Health Solutions, Inc., et al., Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Case No. 03-CV-2019-901174 (filed 2019-06-20)

Alabama v. Allergan

- [Final Consent Judgment](#)
- The State of Alabama v. Endo Health Solutions, Inc., et al., Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Case No. 03-CV-2019-901174 (filed 2019-06-20)

Alabama v. Teva

- [Final Consent Judgment](#)
- The State of Alabama v. Endo Health Solutions, Inc., et al., Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Case No. 03-CV-2019-901174 (filed 2019-06-20)

Other Coalition Opioid Settlements

Alabama v. Kroger

- [Final Consent Judgment](#)
- The State of Alabama v. Endo Health Solutions, Inc., et al., Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Case No. 03-CV-2019-901174 (filed 2019-06-20)

Alabama v. McKinsey

- [Final Consent Judgment](#)
- The State of Alabama, ex rel. Steve Marshall, Attorney General v. McKinsey & Company, Inc. United States, Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Case No. CV-21-90133.00-JHA

Alabama v. Mallinckrodt

- [NOAT II Agreement](#)
- [Statewide Abatement Agreement](#)
- [Notice of Abatement Distribution](#)

Alabama v. Publicis

- [Consent Judgement](#)
- The State of Alabama v. Publicis Health LLC, Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Case No. 03-CV-2024-900182.00

Alabama v. Endo

- [Endo Public Opioid Trust Agreement](#)
- [Notice of Abatement Distribution](#)
- The State of Alabama v. Endo Health Solutions, Inc., et al., Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Case No. 03-CV-2019-901174 (filed 2019-06-20)

2025 National Settlements

Alabama v. Purdue

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Alabama v. Mylan

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Alabama v. Hikma

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Alabama v. Amneal

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Alabama v. Apotex

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Alabama v. Indivior

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Alabama v. Sun Pharmaceuticals

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Alabama v. Alvogen

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Alabama v. Zydus

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Independent Settlements

Alabama v. Janssen

- [Final Consent Judgment and Dismissal with Prejudice](#)
 - Exhibit A: “Janssen Alabama State-Wide Opioid Settlement Agreement” [p. 11]
 - Exhibit A “Janssen Predecessors and Former Affiliates” [p. 28]
 - Exhibit B “Settlement Participation Form” [p. 29]
 - Exhibit C “Injunctive Relief” [p. 32]
 - Exhibit D “Non-Released Entities” [p. 44]
 - Exhibit E “Template Consent Judgment” [p. 45]
 - Exhibit F “Litigating Subdivisions and Special Districts” [p. 54]
- The State of Alabama v. Endo Health Solutions, Inc., et al., Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Case No. 03-CV-2019-901174 (filed 2019-06-20)

Alabama v. McKesson

- [McKesson Alabama Settlement Agreement](#)
- The State of Alabama v. Endo Health Solutions, Inc., et al., Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Case No. 03-CV-2019-901174 (filed 2019-06-20)

Alabama v. AmerisourceBergen

- [Final Consent Judgment](#)
- [Settlement Agreement](#)
- The State of Alabama v. Endo Health Solutions, Inc., et al., Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Case No. 03-CV-2019-901174 (filed 2019-06-20)

Alabama v. Cardinal Health

- [Final Consent Judgment](#)
- [Settlement Agreement](#)
- The State of Alabama v. Endo Health Solutions, Inc., et al., Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Case No. 03-CV-2019-901174 (filed 2019-06-20)

Alabama v. Walmart

- [missing documentation]

¹ KFF. "Actual Tobacco Settlement Payments Received by the States (in millions)." Accessed 8 September 2025. <https://www.kff.org/health-costs/state-indicator/tobacco-settlement-payments>.

² Alabama Attorney General, "State of Alabama Opioid Settlements Amounts Received/Expected." 8 May 2025. https://www.alabamaag.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Opioid_Settlements.pdf.

³ Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council, "2024 Annual Report." <https://mh.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2024-Alabama-Opioid-Overdose-and-Addiction-Council-Annual-Report.pdf>.

⁴ Treatment Advocacy Center, "[STATE] Psychiatric Beds Report." 2023. <https://www.tac.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Alabamabedsinformation.pdf>.

⁵ United States Census Bureau, "2023 American Community Survey – Total Population." [https://data.census.gov/table/ACSDT1Y2023.B01003?q=population&t=Population+Total&g=010XX00US\\$0400000](https://data.census.gov/table/ACSDT1Y2023.B01003?q=population&t=Population+Total&g=010XX00US$0400000).

⁶ Silver, Shanti, "Estimating Psychiatric Bed Need in the United States," p. 2-4. Treatment Advocacy Center Office of Research and Public Affairs. January 2024. https://www.tac.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/TAC_ORPA_ResearchSummary1.24.pdf.