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**DR. C. ROGER KENDRICK
SETTLES FEDERAL HEALTH CARE CASE**

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby today announced a civil settlement with **C. Roger Kendrick, D.O.** ("Dr. Kendrick") who, for the past thirty years, has practiced medicine in Southern Maine.

The government's investigation revealed that, from September 2006 to August 2007, Dr. Kendrick pre-signed blank prescriptions for controlled substances that were later completed by his physician's assistant and filled by patients. The primary drug at issue is known as Suboxone, which is used for addiction treatment.

Federal law prohibits the pre-signing of prescriptions. In addition, Suboxone prescriptions may only be issued by an authorized physician, not a physician's assistant. As a result of the conduct, Medicare and Medicaid were improperly charged for the cost of filling prescriptions that were contrary to federal law.

As part of the settlement, Dr. Kendrick surrendered the federal registration that previously authorized him to dispense Suboxone. In addition, Dr. Kendrick paid a total of **\$42,000** in full satisfaction of any outstanding claims.

The settlement ends an investigation that was conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, the Maine Attorney General's HealthCare Crimes Unit, and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

U.S. Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by all of those involved.