

Opioid Negotiations Fail to Produce Deal Just Before Trial

The Associated Press **reports** that negotiations aimed at reaching a major settlement in the nation's opioid litigation reached an impasse Friday.

The AP's Geoff Mulvihill writes that one of the negotiators, North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein, said late Friday that local governments did not accept a deal worth \$48 billion in cash, treatment drugs and services.

"Paul Farrell, a lead lawyer for the local governments, told The Associated Press that one hang-up was the states' desire to be in charge of dividing the money. They said that the deal would provide free Suboxone, a drug used to treat opioid addiction, across the country," according to Mulvihill.

Read the AP article.