

# Tentative Opioid Settlement Reached in Ohio With Drug Companies

The nation's three top drug distributors and a major drugmaker reached a \$260 million settlement with two Ohio counties Monday over the deadly havoc wreaked by opioids, striking a deal just hours before they were set to face a jury at the start of the first federal trial over the crisis, **reports** CBS News.

"The settlement means the closely watched trial will not move forward now," according to CBS News. "The trial involved only two counties – Cleveland's Cuyahoga County and Akron's Summit County – but was seen as an important test case that could gauge the strength of the opposing sides' arguments and prod them toward a nationwide settlement that ultimately would involve billions of dollars."

**Read the CBS News article.**