



## York County sues opioid companies

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Add York County to the list of Pennsylvania governments hoping to recoup some of the money they've spent on the opioid epidemic.

The county Friday sued 25 opioid manufacturers and distributors to recover in York County Common Pleas, according to a press release from Napoli Shkolnik PLLC, the private law firm handling the case for the county.

Armstrong, Beaver, Greene, Lackawanna, Lawrence and Washington counties have filed similar lawsuits and [Westmoreland County \(http://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/12959384-74/westmoreland-county-to-sue-to-recoup-millions-spent-on-opioid-crisis\)](http://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/12959384-74/westmoreland-county-to-sue-to-recoup-millions-spent-on-opioid-crisis) is preparing to file one.

The 252-page complaint details how the 25 defendants downplayed the risks of OxyContin, Fentanyl and other opioids that cause York County to spend money on first responder overtime, Narcan training, emergency care and treatment, the lawsuit says. Overdose deaths quadrupled in the past decade, the lawsuit says.

**"The economic drain on the county is ongoing and we hope to recover funds for York so they can continue to rebuild their community," said Joseph Ciaccio, one of the lawyers representing the county.**

A study (<http://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/12681904-74/drug-battle-eating-more-westmoreland-tax-dollars>) released this year concludes that Westmoreland County spent \$18.8 million in 2016 on costs attributed to the drug crisis.