A Legislative Update
on the Heroin Crisis in NY

ASSEMBLYWOMAN
Janet L. Duprey

ASSEMBLYWOMAN
Janet Duprey

We are in this
BATTLE TOGETHER

A Legislative Update on the Heroin Crisis in NY

Every Day, Heroin and Opioids Destroy New York Families

In June 2016, I was proud to support the legislative measures below that were signed into law by the Governor to help fight the war on heroin and opioid abuse. Reforms were included in the following areas:

Prevention & Education

- Reduce prescription limits for opioids from 30 days to seven days
- Mandate pharmacists to provide information on risks associated with drug addiction and abuse
- Require data collection on overdoses and prescriptions to provide additional protections to combat this epidemic

Detoxification

- Increase evaluation for individuals incapacitated by drugs from 48 to 72 hours
- Mandate insurance coverage for opioid overdose-reversal medication

Rehabilitation and Treatment

- Allow more trained professionals to administer life-saving overdose-reversal medication
- Require hospitals to provide follow-up treatment service options to individuals upon discharge from a hospital
- Require all insurance companies to use objective state-approved criteria to determine the level of care for those suffering from substance abuse
- End prior authorization to allow greater access to drug treatment medications
- End prior insurance authorization to allow immediate access to inpatient treatment as long as such treatment is needed
- Authorize pharmacists to provide counseling and referral services regarding substance abuse and disease prevention to customers purchasing hypodermic syringes

Recovery

- Expand wrap-around services to support long-term recovery

We cannot arrest our way out of this heroin and opiate problem. North Country organizations are taking big steps to help addicts start on the road to recovery. The state and federal governments must commit more funding to long-term treatment.

As I leave the Assembly on December 31, 2016, I will continue to work with community organizations to assist recovering addicts and their families.

202 US Oval, Plattsburgh, NY 12903
518-562-1986 ▪ dupreyj@nyassembly.gov

ASSEMBLYWOMAN
Janet L. Duprey