



Colorado General Assembly
Senate Health and Human Services Committee
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80203

January 26, 2023

Dear Committee Members,

Animal Policy Group (APG) represents over 90,000 veterinary professionals, as well as clients in animal health and pet care services.

We appreciate the committee's continued work combating the opioid epidemic. We would like to comment on SB09, restricting opioid prescriptions to 90 morphine milligram equivalents (MME) per day. It appears this would include veterinarians. The 90 MME dose limit is not likely for small animals, but it could be for large animals, like horses and cattle. To avoid any conflict, we recommend adding an exemption for veterinarians to the section.

(ii) issue to a patient a prescription for an opioid that will be dispensed or administered outside of a health-care facility or the prescriber's practice location if the prescription is for an amount that exceeds ninety morphine milligram equivalents per day. The ninety morphine milligram equivalents per day limit does not apply to [a veterinarian or a patient who has intractable pain](#).

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Scott Young
Vice President, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
(202) 744-5190
scott@animalpolicygroup.com