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State gets money from drug maker

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The state will get \$4.76 million as its share of a \$520 million agreement with the maker of Seroquel over the way the antipsychotic drug was marketed.

The agreement between AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals and the federal government and several states settles allegations the company improperly promoted Seroquel in an off-label marketing campaign.

"The drug company was actively misleading doctors and consumers to use the drug in ways that were clearly unapproved," Attorney General Six said in a news release. " This practice put profits over patients, and the settlement sends a message to pharmaceutical companies that the states expect them to play by the rules."

Kansas received \$4.76 million as restitution for Medicaid payments.

Seroquel was approved by the FDA to treat certain psychological disorders. The government alleged AstraZeneca made illegal payments to health care professionals while advising them to use Seroquel as an unapproved treatment of aggression, Alzheimer's, anger management, anxiety, attention deficit disorder and sleeplessness.

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