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Response for STAT Inquiry on Advocacy Groups Receiving Payments from Opioid Manufacturers

A statement from the American Academy of Pain Medicine

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