



# Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

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Dear Physician, Prescriber and Pharmacist:

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) is joining with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to remind you of your responsibilities as a practitioner under federal and state laws. Because you may be registered with the DEA to administer and prescribe controlled substances, you are an integral part of the DEA's efforts to secure the closed system of distribution with regard to controlled substances.

As you are aware, the practice of individuals obtaining controlled substance prescriptions from multiple doctors, known as "Doctor Shopping", is an ongoing problem for both the medical profession and law enforcement. In order to prevent the misuse, abuse and diversion of controlled prescription medication, the State of Illinois has implemented a Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). This program advocates the legitimate and appropriate use of controlled prescriptions and does not interfere with legitimate prescribing practices. In fact, with access to the PMP site, a practitioner or pharmacist can easily determine if a patient is receiving controlled substance prescriptions from multiple practitioners – a sign of controlled substance diversion.

The Illinois Department of Human Services Prescription Monitoring Program – Prescription Information Library (PIL) can be accessed at [www.ilpmp.org](http://www.ilpmp.org). The program can also be reached by phone at 217-685-0426 or by fax at 217-557-7975.

IDFPR and the DEA strongly encourage practitioners and pharmacists to utilize their state Prescription Monitoring Program. Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations section 1306.04 (a) states that the responsibility for the proper prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances is on the prescribing practitioner, but a corresponding responsibility rests with the pharmacist who fills the prescription.

Very truly yours,

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