

**FSIPP Position Statement**  
**Controlled Substance Prescription Monitoring Legislation**  
April 21, 2008

Re: SB 1550/1540 and HB 1011/1243

This legislation will prevent/decrease drug diversion and abuse, saving countless lives of Floridians. As has been proven in over 30 other States, this type of monitoring system decreases the easy availability of prescription controlled substances on our streets and schools. Drug dealers and abusers from those States now come to Florida to buy their drugs. This has to stop!

We strongly support the aforementioned bills and emphasize the following tenets that should be considered:

- 1) Patient privacy is protected
- 2) Secure, encrypted, password protected website access for:
  - Information on all Schedule II, III, IV medications dispensed within 2 years
  - Mandatory data from all dispensing entities of Scheduled drugs
  - Fully Licensed Prescribers with DEA licensure for scheduled medicines
- 3) The Secure Database:
  - Does not require patient permission for data entry into or retrieval from database
  - Allows Physician and Pharmacist to review database for actual patients or those requesting to become patient
  - Should eventually integrate with similar databases nationwide
- 4) Secondary use of the database is restricted:
  - To Department of Health with active investigation of fraud or medical standard of care
  - Law Enforcement with active investigation by subpoena
- 5) The Department of Health should be the lead agency that:
  - Begins consultations for design, funding and contracting for program implementation
  - Oversees any contracted vendor(s)
  - Investigates complaints of abuse or misuse of the website and/or refers to criminal justice or professional responsibility board(s).

We are requesting your strong support in this critically important legislation that will immediately save lives of Floridians.

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