

**E-FORCSE**

**PDMP Health Care Practitioner and Pharmacist Registration Begins October 1!**

Good Afternoon!

E-FORCSE, Florida's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program is pleased to announce that on October 1, 2011, prescribers and dispensers may begin requesting access to the FL RxSentry database. The FL RxSentry database is a comprehensive electronic database system that has controlled substance prescriptions provided to it and that provides prescription information to a patient's health care practitioner and pharmacist who inform the department that they wish the patient advisory report provided to them. Please visit <http://www.hidinc.com/flpdmp> and view the Practitioner and Pharmacist Training Guide for step-by-step instructions on how to request access, and how to request a patient advisory report.

On October 17, prescribers and dispensers may begin logging on to the FL RxSentry database to request patient advisory reports (PARs). A PAR is a reporting of a specific patient's controlled substance prescription history that is provided by the FL RxSentry database. PARs are for informational purposes only and imposes no obligations of any nature or any legal duty on a prescriber, dispenser, pharmacy, or patient. PARs are not subject to discovery or introduction into evidence in any civil or administrative action against a prescriber, dispenser, pharmacy, or patient arising out of matters that are the subject of the report.

Health care practitioners are not required to access the database prior to prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance; however, physicians and pharmacists are encouraged to use the Patient Advisory Report (PAR), available in RxSentry, as a tool to improve patient care, confirm the patient's prescription drug history, document compliance with a therapeutic regimen, and to identify potentially hazardous or fatal drug interactions. The PAR may also assist the health care practitioner to determine if a patient is "doctor shopping" or trying to obtain multiple prescriptions for controlled substances from multiple health care practitioners which is a felony in the State of Florida.

E-FORCSE will comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) as it pertains to protected health information (PHI), electronic protected health information (EPHI), and all other relevant state and federal privacy and security laws and regulations. The information collected in the system will be used by the PDMP to encourage safer prescribing of controlled substances and reduce drug abuse and diversion within the State of Florida.

If you require technical assistance with requesting access to the FL RxSentry database or requesting a Patient Advisory Report, please contact the FL PDMP helpdesk by telephone at (877) 719-3120 or via email at [flpdmp-info@hidinc.com](mailto:flpdmp-info@hidinc.com). The helpdesk is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

Best Wishes,  
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