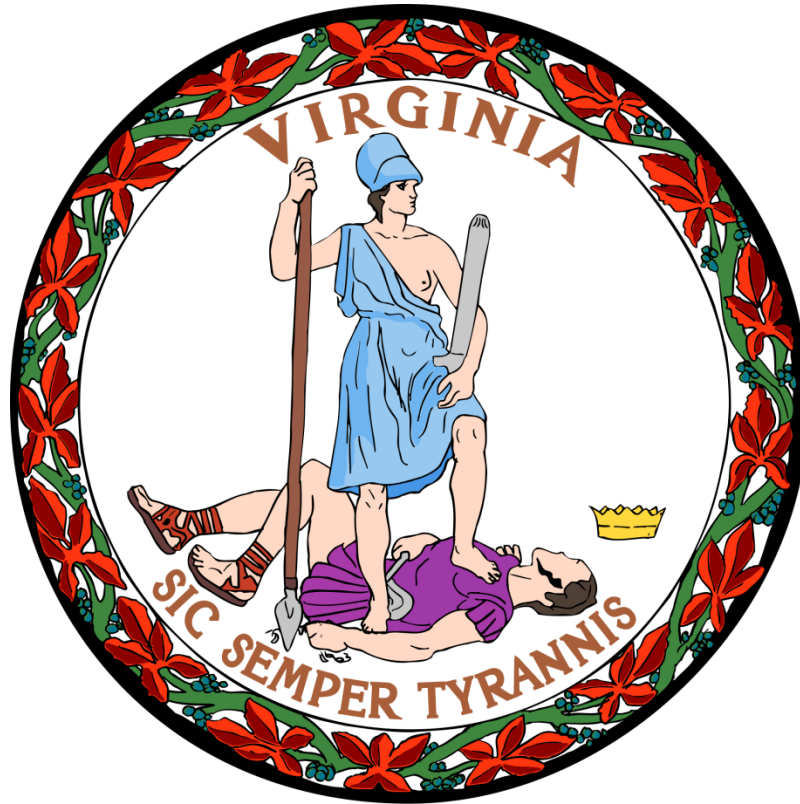




Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug & Heroin Abuse



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September 21, 2015

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Accepted Recommendation

Expand mandatory requests to the PMP to include the initial prescribing of an opiate or benzodiazepine and periodic reports thereafter, not to exceed 90 days, with limited exceptions

- Accepted by Task Force at May 2015 meeting, but referred back to Workgroup for additional details (i.e., to develop recommendations for the limited exceptions to these mandatory requests)



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Workgroup recommended exceptions to the expanded mandatory requests:

1. The opiate or benzodiazepine is prescribed to a patient currently receiving hospice or palliative care;
2. The opiate or benzodiazepine is prescribed to a patient as part of treatment for a surgical procedure and such prescription is not refillable; and
3. The PMP is not operational or available due to temporary technological or electrical failure or natural disaster.



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Implementation Steps:

- Legislation to amend Code § 54.1-2522.1 is required to implement this recommendation expanding mandatory requests to the PMP
- The PMP will disseminate information about this change to all PMP registered users and interested entities prior to the legislation's effective date





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Recommendation

Authorize “unsolicited” reports on outlier prescribing and dispensing to be sent to law enforcement and/or licensing boards

- Deferred by Task Force at May 2015 meeting for Workgroup to work out additional details (e.g., who will develop criteria for these reports)
- As presented in May, recommendation had PMP providing notice to prescriber or dispenser when outlier criteria is met and advising that, if continued, information may be forwarded to law enforcement or licensing board; this notice is no longer recommended
- Discussion in May included comment that the PMP’s role is to manage data and is not to serve as a regulatory or law enforcement entity



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Revised Recommendation:

Grant authority to the PMP, through the Director of the Department of Health Professions (DHP), to send unsolicited reports on egregious outlier prescribing and dispensing behavior to the Enforcement Division of DHP and/or to law enforcement, based on criteria developed by the PMP Advisory Panel in consultation with applicable licensing boards



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Implementation Steps:

- Legislation to amend Code § 54.1-2523.1 is required to implement this recommendation addressing unsolicited reports on outlier prescribing and dispensing
- The PMP Advisory Panel, in consultation with the applicable licensing boards, will need to develop the outlier criteria
- The PMP will disseminate information about this change to all PMP registered users and interested entities prior to the legislation's effective date





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Update on Health & Criminal Justice Data Committee Recommendation:

- Workgroup's Data Sets Subcommittee met and made recommendations for initial Committee membership
- Invitation letters from SPSHS and SHHR sent to agency heads
- Initial meeting of Committee anticipated to be held in October





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Questions & Comments?



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