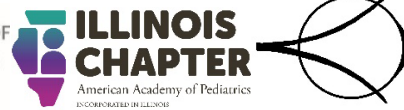




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Oppose SB 3701 - Unnecessary and Onerous Mandates on Prescribers

The Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) is an electronic database that collects information on dispensed controlled substance prescriptions, as reported by pharmacists and reviewed by prescribers. This clinical tool helps health care professionals better understand a patient's prescription history and current drug regimen.

In 2017, in response to the prescription opioid crisis, ISMS and other key stakeholders negotiated an agreement that requires prescribers to document an attempt to check the PMP on a given patient for each initial prescription of a Schedule II opioid.

However, the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking legislation to require prescribers check the PMP for all controlled substance prescriptions and that patients' private diagnostic codes related to accident and injuries also be reported to the PMP.

Health care professionals oppose these new mandates. First, the new mandates are unnecessary. According to the PMP's own data, **there are approximately over 10 million checks of the PMP a month.**

Most important, this effort by DHS is a distraction from the real and urgent crisis of deaths caused by illicitly manufactured fentanyl. Instead promoting an environment that continues to punish physicians and others for providing medically supervised and necessary care for pain relief our state agencies should focus its efforts on increasing accessing to treatment of substance abuse disorders.

This new mandate will do nothing to improve outcomes in patient care, it will only lead to additional and unnecessary investigations of prescribers, which will increase the rate of prescriber burnout and in the long run negatively impact patient care.

For these reasons, please vote no on SB 3701