



Illinois Department of Human Services
Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program
401 N. 4th St., Springfield, Illinois 62702
www.ilpmp.org



Dear Healthcare Professional:

The Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program (ILPMP) [720 ILCS 570/316] is an electronic tool that collects controlled substance prescription information. Prescribers and Dispensers of controlled substances are allowed to obtain log in credentials to query their current or prospective patients via the PMP website.

Attached you will find a list of your patient(s) who have met a threshold indicator for potential abuse. [720 ILCS 570/314.5] The threshold is a set number of prescribers or pharmacies a patient has obtained or filled prescriptions from within a one-month period of time. We have developed no conclusions or judgments based on this information. However, should this observation concern you, you may wish to query the patient on the ILPMP website. The website address is www.ilpmp.org; you must first register for log in credentials to access the database.

Following your review of the patient's prescription profile, we encourage you to use your professional judgment as to the next course of action, if any.

- If you determine that a prescription is inaccurately attributed to you or there is faulty transmission of the data, please contact the ILPMP. If you believe your medical credentials have been stolen or misused, you may need to contact the appropriate authorities.
- If you believe the person may be addicted or have a substance abuse disorder, there are many links on the ILPMP website to contact various addiction professionals.
- If you believe a patient is engaging in Doctor or Medication Shopping as defined as "*Knowingly or intentionally to fraudulently obtain or fraudulently seek to obtain any controlled substance or prescription for a controlled substance from a prescriber or dispenser while being supplied with any controlled substance or prescription for a controlled substance is sought* [720 ILCS 570/314.5]," you may want to contact the appropriate law enforcement agency.

It is not our intent to impede but only to aid in patient care, as we are aware that some patients require large amounts of controlled substances for legitimate medical conditions. While we hope you will use this information for the benefit of your patient's care, "*there is nothing in Illinois Law that requires you to take any action on this information* [720 ILCS 570/318 (j)(7)]."

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If you have any questions please call (217) 558-0943 or (217) 685-0426. You may also contact us at <https://www.ilpmp.org/contact.php>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Malan', written in a cursive style.

Randy Malan

Clinical Director, Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program