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Governor Christie Signs New Requirements for the Prescription Monitoring Program – NJPMP

On July 20, Governor Christie signed into law new requirements for the New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program. S.1998 (Weinberg, Vitale) / A. 3129 (Conaway, Lagana, Angelini, Benson, Sumter) - Revises certain provisions of the New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program.

The new law makes several revisions to the New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program to increase participation, broaden access, and improve surveillance. These changes are designed to make the program more effective in identifying individuals who are “doctor shopping” and rogue prescribers operating “pill mills”.

In specific, the law now contains a physician mandate requiring that the system be checked for new patients and chronic pain patients. Physicians must check the PMP at least four times per year when the patient is maintained on an opioid.

The new law will take effect in early December of 2015. More information to come as the implementation date approaches.