

## 117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 2344

To require the use of prescription drug monitoring programs.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2021

Mr. RYAN (for himself and Mr. BALDERSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

## A BILL

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1	Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2	tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3	SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4	This Act may be cited as the "Prescription Drug
5	Monitoring Act of 2021".
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8	MONITORING PROGRAMS.  (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

Act (21 U.S.C. 802).

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STATE.—The term "covered 1 (2)COVERED 2 State" means a State that receives funding under 3 the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring 4 Program established under the Departments of 5 Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and 6 Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 (Public 7 Law 107–77; 115 Stat. 748), or under the con-8 trolled substance monitoring program under section 9 3990 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 10 280g-3). 11

## (3) DISPENSER.—The term "dispenser"—

- (A) means a person licensed or otherwise authorized by a State to deliver a prescription drug product to a patient or an agent of the patient; and
- (B) does not include a person involved in oversight or payment for prescription drugs.
- (4) PDMP.—The term "PDMP" means a prescription drug monitoring program.
- (5) Practitioner.—The term "practitioner" means a practitioner registered under section 303(f) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823(f)) to prescribe, administer, or dispense controlled substances.

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- 1 (6) STATE.—The term "State" means each of 2 the several States and the District of Columbia.
- 3 (b) Requirements.—Beginning 1 year after the 4 date of enactment of this Act, each covered State shall 5 require—
- 6 (1) each prescribing practitioner within the cov-7 ered State or their designee, who shall be licensed or 8 registered healthcare professionals or other employ-9 ees who report directly to the practitioner, to consult 10 the PDMP of the covered State before initiating 11 treatment with a prescription for a controlled sub-12 stance listed in schedule II, III, or IV of section 13 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 14 812(c)), and every 3 months thereafter as long as 15 the treatment continues;
  - (2) the PDMP of the covered State to provide proactive notification to a practitioner when patterns indicative of controlled substance misuse, including opioid misuse, are detected;
  - (3) each dispenser within the covered State to report each prescription for a controlled substance dispensed by the dispenser to the PDMP not later than 24 hours after the controlled substance is dispensed to the patient;

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1	(4) that the PDMP make available a quarterly
2	de-identified data set and an annual report for pub-
3	lic and private use, including use by healthcare pro-
4	viders, health plans and health benefits administra-
5	tors, State agencies, and researchers, which shall, at
6	a minimum, meet requirements established by the
7	Attorney General, in coordination with the Secretary
8	of Health and Human Services;
9	(5) each State agency that administers the
10	PDMP to—
11	(A) proactively analyze data available
12	through the PDMP; and
13	(B) provide reports to law enforcement
14	agencies and prescriber licensing boards de-
15	scribing any prescribing practitioner that re-
16	peatedly fall outside of expected norms or
17	standard practices for the prescribing practi-
18	tioner's field; and
19	(6) that the data contained in the PDMP of the
20	covered State be made available to other States.
21	(c) Noncompliance.—If a covered State fails to
22	comply with subsection (a), the Attorney General or the
23	Secretary of Health and Human Services may withhold
24	grant funds from being awarded to the covered State

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