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Dear Pharmacy and Pharmacist:

The New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program (NJMPMP) was enacted into law January 4, 2008. The law established the NJMPMP within the Division of Consumer Affairs (Division). The NJMPMP will be an electronic database for collecting, tracking and monitoring information about Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) that are dispensed in New Jersey by licensed pharmacists in out-patient settings and that are dispensed into New Jersey by registered out-of-state pharmacies.

This letter is to advise you that all permitted and registered pharmacies will be required to submit to the Division certain information concerning CDS (Schedules II, III, IV and V) that have been dispensed to a patient including the following:

- The patient's name, date of birth, address and telephone number;
- The date that the medication is dispensed;
- The National Drug Control Code of the drug dispensed;
- The dispensing pharmacy permit number;
- The prescriber's name and Drug Enforcement Administration registration number;
- The name, strength and quantity of the drug dispensed, the number of refills ordered, and whether the drug was dispensed as a refill or a new prescription;
- The date that the prescription was issued by the practitioner;
- The source of payment for the drug dispensed; and
- Other information, as the Director may determine to be necessary.

Pharmacies will be required to submit this information to the Division electronically at regular intervals using a secure Internet connection. This transfer of information will not take place until the NJMPMP is operational. You will be notified of that date with detailed instructions.

Go to <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/11x21746.shtml> to find the "Request For Proposal" (RFP) for the NJMPMP. The RFP was posted on the New Jersey Department of the Treasury's Division of Purchase and Property Web site on December 21, 2010. Once you have arrived at that Web site, click on "RFP Test." The bid submission due date is February 15, 2011, at two o'clock in the afternoon. The awarding of the contract to a vendor is expected to occur prior to the end of April 2011. Once the contract has been awarded, we will determine a time line for the reporting of data to the Division.

The NJPMP is intended to be a tool to be used to help prescribers and pharmacists provide better patient care and reduce controlled substance misuse, diversion and abuse. Dispensers and prescribers will be able to register with the Division of Consumer Affairs in order to become authorized users of the NJPMP system, which will be a Web-based application. Prior to dispensing a CDS prescription, pharmacists will have the ability to query the NJPMP database through a secure Internet or pharmacy intranet site. The system will also provide an effective communication device for the Division to alert dispensers about lost and/or stolen New Jersey Prescription Blanks.

This letter is meant to notify pharmacies and pharmacists regarding what to expect when using the New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program. There will be further communication regarding the details of the program after a vendor has been selected and the program is closer to implementation. Please be assured that prior to implementation, the Division will provide instructions and training on all aspects of the Prescription Monitoring Program.

Sincerely,



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