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Re: A.R.S. §36-2602- Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program ("CSPMP")

Dear Licensee:

To ensure the Board's compliance with new statutory requirements, please complete and return to the Board office, the attached Medical Practitioner Specific Information Form as soon as possible. If you are not aware of the Arizona Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program (CSPMP), here is a little history:

Arizona's Forty-eighth Legislature passed H.B. 2136 establishing a Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program ("CSPMP"). The bill requires the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy ("ASBP") to establish a controlled substances prescription monitoring program and requires pharmacies and medical practitioners who dispense controlled substances listed in Schedule II, III, and IV to a patient, to report prescription information to the Board of Pharmacy on a daily basis.

A.R.S. §36-2602 of House Bill 2136 requires the ASBP to establish a controlled substances prescription monitoring program that includes a computerized central database tracking system to track the prescribing, dispensing and consumption of Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances in Arizona, assists law enforcement in identifying illegal activity related to the prescribing, dispensing and consumption of Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances, provides information to patients, medical practitioners, and pharmacists to help avoid the inappropriate use of Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances, and is designed to minimize inconvenience to patients, prescribing medical practitioners and pharmacies while effectuating the collection and storage of information.

The purpose of this legislation is to improve the State's ability to identify controlled substance abusers or misusers and refer them for treatment, and to identify and stop diversion of prescription controlled substance drugs in an efficient and cost effective manner that will not impede the appropriate medical utilization of licit controlled substances.

Arizona's Fifty-second Legislature passed S.B. 1370 creating A.R.S. §32-3219 which requires Medical Practitioner Regulatory Boards to provide to the Arizona Board of Pharmacy any information necessary to register and provide access to the CSPMP to each medical practitioner. The attached form will provide that necessary information to provide all medical practitioners with registration and access to the CSPMP. The Board encourages medical practitioners to use the CSPMP to help treat and evaluate patients.

Please contact me at [Margaret.whelan@optometry.az.gov](mailto:Margaret.whelan@optometry.az.gov) or (602) 542-8155 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Whelan".

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