



Prescription Monitoring Program State Profiles - Maine

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- Status of Program – operational
- Housing Entity – Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
- Advisory Commission – yes
- Funding – Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program Fund including funds from any source, public or private, including grants or contributions
- Drugs Monitored – Schedules II – IV
- Who’s Required to Report Dispensing Information – all dispensers; pharmacists or licensed health care professionals with authority to dispense or administer prescription drugs
- Exemptions from Reporting – none
- Nonresident Pharmacies Required to Report – yes
- Veterinarians Required to Report – no
- Data Collection Interval – weekly/7 days
- Notice to Consumers – no
- Interstate Sharing – with other PMPs
- Persons Authorized to Receive Information – Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; law enforcement officials; licensing/regulatory boards; office that administers the MaineCare program; patient; health care agent; prescribers; dispensers
- Delegates Allowed – yes
- De-identified Data Provided – yes
- Unsolicited Reports – to prescribers, pharmacists
- Training Required – no
- Mandatory Enrollment – yes; practitioners will be automatically registered with the PMP upon obtaining or renewing their professional license
- Mandatory Access – no

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§ 7247. Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program Fund

The Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program Fund is established within the department to be used by the commissioner to fund or assist in funding the program. Any balance in the fund does not lapse but is carried forward to be expended for the same purposes in succeeding fiscal years. The fund must be deposited with and maintained and administered by the department. The commissioner may accept funds into the fund from any source, public or private, including grants or contributions of money or other things of value, that the commissioner determines necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Money received by the department to establish and maintain the program must be used for the expenses of administering this chapter.

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§ 7249. Reporting of prescription monitoring information

1. Information required. Each dispenser shall submit to the department, by electronic means or other format specified in a waiver granted by the department, specific items of information regarding dispensed controlled substances determined by the office from the following list:

- A. The dispenser identification number;
- B. The date the prescription was filled;
- C. The prescription number;
- D. Whether the prescription is new or is a refill;
- E. The National Drug Code (NDC) for the drug dispensed;
- F. The quantity dispensed;
- G. The dosage;
- H. The patient identification number;
- I. The patient name;
- J. The patient address;
- K. The patient date of birth;
- L. The prescriber identification number;
- M. The date the prescription was issued by the prescriber; and
- N. The department-issued serial number if the department chooses to establish a serial prescription system.

2. Frequency. Each dispenser shall submit the information required under subsection 1 as frequently as specified by the department.

3. Waiver. The department may grant a waiver of the electronic submission requirement under subsection 1 to any dispenser for good cause, including financial hardship, as determined by the department. The waiver must state the format and frequency with which the dispenser is required to submit the required information.

4. Immunity from liability. A dispenser is immune from liability for disclosure of information if the disclosure was made pursuant to and in accordance with this chapter.

5. Repealed. Laws 2013, c. 587, § 1, eff. April 30, 2014.

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§ 7250. Access to prescription monitoring information and confidentiality

1. Confidentiality. Except as provided in this section, prescription monitoring information submitted to the department is confidential and is not a public record as defined in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3.
2. Review of information. If the prescription monitoring information surpasses thresholds as established by the department, the department shall notify the prescriber, the dispenser and, if the department determines it to be necessary, the professional licensing entity and provide all relevant prescription monitoring information to those persons and entities through an established letter of notification.
3. Permissible disclosure of information. The department may provide prescription monitoring information for public research, policy or education purposes as long as all information reasonably likely to reveal the patient or other person who is the subject of the information has been removed.
4. Access to information. The following persons may access prescription monitoring information:
 - A. A prescriber, insofar as the information relates to a patient under the prescriber's care;
 - B. A dispenser, insofar as the information relates to a customer of the dispenser seeking to have a prescription filled;
 - C. The executive director, or a board investigator as designated by each board, of the state boards of licensure of podiatric medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, medicine, osteopathy, veterinary medicine, nursing or other boards representing health care disciplines whose licensees are prescribers, as required for an investigation, with reasonable cause;
 - D. A patient to whom a prescription is written, insofar as the information relates to that patient;
 - E. Department personnel or personnel of any vendor or contractor, as necessary for establishing and maintaining the program's electronic system;
 - F. The Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the purpose of conducting an investigation or inquiry into the cause, manner and circumstances of death in a medical examiner case as described in section 3025. Prescription monitoring information in the possession or under the control of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner is confidential and, notwithstanding section

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3022, may not be disseminated. Information that is not prescription monitoring information and is separately acquired following access to prescription monitoring information pursuant to this paragraph remains subject to protection or dissemination in accordance with section 3022;

G. The office that administers the MaineCare program pursuant to chapter 855 for the purposes of managing the care of its members, monitoring the purchase of controlled substances by its members, avoiding duplicate dispensing of controlled substances and providing treatment pattern data under subsection 6; and

H. Another state pursuant to subsection 4-A.

4-A. Information sharing with other states. The department may provide prescription monitoring information to and receive prescription monitoring information from another state that has prescription monitoring information provisions consistent with this chapter and has entered into a prescription monitoring information sharing agreement with the department. The department may enter into a prescription monitoring information sharing agreement with another state to establish the terms and conditions of prescription monitoring information sharing and interoperability of information systems and to carry out the purposes of this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, “another state” means any state other than Maine and any territory or possession of the United States, but does not include a foreign country.

5. Purge of information. The department shall purge from the program all information that is more than 6 years old.

6. Treatment pattern data. The department may provide to a prescriber who treats a member under the MaineCare program prescription monitoring information on the prescriber and other prescribers that is de-identified as to prescriber and patient and that indicates treatment patterns in comparison among peers. If the department has shared with a prescriber treatment pattern data under this subsection, the department shall allow the prescriber time to align the prescriber's prescribing patterns with the patterns of the peers of the prescriber. The department may take appropriate actions with regard to a prescriber who is unable to achieve treatment pattern alignment as provided in this subsection.

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§ 7261. Purpose--Article 1

The purpose of the interstate prescription monitoring program compact, referred to in this chapter as “the compact,” is to provide a mechanism for state prescription monitoring programs to securely share prescription data to improve public health and safety. The compact is intended to:

1. Enhance state prescription monitoring programs. Enhance the ability of state prescription monitoring programs, in accordance with state laws, to provide an efficient and comprehensive tool for:
 - A. Practitioners to monitor patients and support treatment decisions;
 - B. Law enforcement officials to conduct diversion investigations when authorized by state law;
 - C. Regulatory agencies to conduct investigations or other appropriate reviews when authorized by state law; and
 - D. Other uses of prescription drug data authorized by state law for purposes of curtailing drug abuse and diversion; and
2. Provide technology infrastructure. Provide a technology infrastructure to facilitate secure data transmission.

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§ 7262. Definitions--Article 2

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Authentication. “Authentication” means the process of verifying the identity and credentials of a person before authorizing access to prescription data.
2. Authorized. “Authorized” means the granting of access privileges to prescription data.
3. Bylaws. “Bylaws” means those bylaws established by the interstate commission pursuant to section 7268 for its governance or for directing or controlling its actions and conduct.
4. Commissioner. “Commissioner” means the voting representative appointed by each member state pursuant to section 7266.
5. Interstate commission or commission. “Interstate commission” or “commission” means the Interstate Prescription Monitoring Program Commission created pursuant to section 7266.
6. Member state. “Member state” means any state that has adopted a prescription monitoring program and has enacted the enabling compact legislation.
7. Practitioner. “Practitioner” means a person licensed, registered or otherwise permitted to prescribe or dispense a prescription drug.
8. Prescription data. “Prescription data” means data transmitted by a prescription monitoring program that contains patient, prescriber, dispenser and prescription drug information.
9. Prescription drug. “Prescription drug” means any drug required to be reported to a state prescription monitoring program and includes but is not limited to substances listed in the federal Controlled Substances Act.
10. Prescription monitoring program. “Prescription monitoring program” means a program that collects, manages, analyzes and provides prescription data under the auspices of a state.
11. Requestor. “Requestor” means a person authorized by a member state who has initiated a request for prescription data.

12. Rule. “Rule” means a written statement by the interstate commission promulgated pursuant to section 7267 that is of general applicability; implements, interprets or prescribes a policy or provision of the compact; or is an organizational, procedural or practice requirement of the commission and has the force and effect of statutory law in a member state. “Rule” includes the amendment, repeal or suspension of an existing rule.

13. State. “State” means any state, commonwealth, district or territory of the United States.

14. Technology infrastructure. “Technology infrastructure” means the design, deployment and use of both individual technology-based components and the systems of such components to facilitate the transmission of information and prescription data among member states.

15. Transmission. “Transmission” means the release, transfer, provision or disclosure of information or prescription data among member states.

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§ 7263. Authorized uses and restrictions on prescription data--Article 3

1. Authority of member state. Under the compact a member state:

- A. Retains its authority and autonomy over its prescription monitoring program and prescription data in accordance with its laws, rules and policies;
- B. May provide, restrict or deny prescription data to a requestor of another state in accordance with the member state's laws, rules and policies;
- C. May provide, restrict or deny prescription data received from another state to a requestor within that state; and
- D. Has the authority to determine which requestors are authorized.

2. Restrictions on prescription data. Prescription data obtained by a member state pursuant to this compact has the following restrictions.

- A. It must be used solely for purposes of providing the prescription data to a requestor.
- B. It may not be stored in the member state's prescription monitoring program database, except for stored images, nor in any other database.

3. Limit on categories of requestors. A member state may limit the categories of requestors of another member state that will receive prescription data.

4. Requestor authentication. The commission shall promulgate rules establishing standards for requestor authentication.

A. Every member state shall authenticate requestors according to the rules established by the commission.

B. A member state may authorize its requestors to request prescription data from another member state only after such requestor has been authenticated.

C. A member state that becomes aware of a requestor who violated the laws or rules governing the appropriate use of prescription data shall notify the state that transmitted the prescription data.

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§ 7264. Technology and security--Article 4

1. Security requirements. The commission shall establish security requirements through rules for the transmission of prescription data.
2. Open standards for technology infrastructure. The commission shall foster the adoption of open standards for the technology infrastructure that are vendor-neutral and technology-neutral.
3. Acquisition and operation of technology infrastructure. The commission is responsible for acquisition and operation of the technology infrastructure.

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§ 7265. Funding--Article 5

1. Interstate commission responsible for funding compact. The interstate commission, through its member states, is responsible for providing for the payment of the reasonable expenses for establishing, organizing and administering the operations and activities of the compact.
2. Interstate commission may collect dues from member states. The interstate commission may levy on and collect annual dues from each member state to cover the cost of operations and activities of the interstate commission and its staff, which must be in a total amount sufficient to cover the interstate commission's annual budget as approved each year. The aggregate annual dues amount must be allocated in an equitable manner and may consist of a fixed fee component as well as a variable fee component based upon a formula to be determined by the interstate commission, which shall promulgate a rule binding upon all member states. Such a formula must take into account factors including but not limited to the total number of practitioners or licensees within a member state. Fees established by the interstate commission may be recalculated and assessed on an annual basis.
3. Interstate commission may accept nonstate funding. Notwithstanding subsections 1 and 2 and any other provision of law, the interstate commission may accept nonstate funding, including grants, awards and contributions to offset, in whole or in part, the costs of the annual dues required under subsection 2.
4. Interstate commission may not incur obligations prior to securing funds. The interstate commission may not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same. The interstate commission may not pledge the credit of any of the member states, except by and with the authority of the member states.
5. Interstate commission to keep accurate accounts. The interstate commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements subject to the audit and accounting procedures established under its bylaws. All receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the interstate commission must be audited annually by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the report of the audit must be included in and become part of the annual report of the interstate commission.

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§ 7266. Interstate commission--Article 6

The member states hereby create the Interstate Prescription Monitoring Program Commission to govern the compact. The interstate commission is composed of the member states and not a 3rd-party group or federal agency. The activities of the commission are the formation of public policy and are a discretionary state function.

1. **Body corporate.** The commission is a body corporate and joint agency of the member states and has all the responsibilities, powers and duties set forth herein and such additional powers as may be conferred upon it by a subsequent concurrent action of the respective legislatures of the member states in accordance with the terms of this compact.
2. **Composition.** The commission consists of one voting representative from each member state who is that member state's appointed commissioner and who is empowered to determine statewide policy related to matters governed by this compact. The commissioner must be a policy maker within the agency that houses the member state's prescription monitoring program.
3. **Nonvoting advisor.** In addition to the commissioner, a member state shall appoint a nonvoting advisor who is a representative of the member state's prescription monitoring program.
4. **Members of interested organizations.** In addition to the voting representatives and nonvoting advisor of each member state, the commission may include persons who are not voting representatives, but who are members of interested organizations as determined by the commission.
5. **Each member state entitled to one vote.** Each member state represented at a meeting of the commission is entitled to one vote. A majority of the member states constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, unless a larger quorum is required by the bylaws. A representative may not delegate a vote to another member state. In the event a commissioner is unable to attend a meeting of the commission, the appropriate appointing authority may delegate voting authority to another person from that member state for a specified meeting. The bylaws may provide for meetings of the commission to be conducted by electronic communication.
6. **Meetings.** The commission shall meet at least once each calendar year. The chair of the commission may call additional meetings and, upon the request of a simple majority of the member states, shall call additional meetings.
7. **Executive committee.** The commission shall establish an executive committee, which must include officers, members and others as determined by the bylaws. The executive committee has

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the power to act on behalf of the commission, with the exception of rulemaking. During periods when the commission is not in session the executive committee shall oversee the administration of the compact, including enforcement and compliance with the provisions of the compact, its bylaws and rules, and other such duties as determined necessary.

8. Committee structure. The commission shall maintain a committee structure for governance in areas including but not limited to policy, compliance, education and technology and shall include specific opportunities for stakeholder input.

9. Records available to public. The commission's bylaws and rules must establish conditions and procedures under which the commission shall make its information and official records available to the public for inspection or copying. The commission may exempt from disclosure information or official records that would adversely affect personal privacy rights or proprietary interests.

10. Public notice of meetings; meetings open to public. The commission shall provide public notice of all meetings and all meetings must be open to the public, except as set forth in the rules or as otherwise provided in the compact. The commission may close a meeting, or portion of a meeting, when it determines by a 2/3 vote of the members present that discussions at the open meeting would be likely to:

- A. Relate solely to the commission's internal personnel practices and procedures;
- B. Concern matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal and state statute;
- C. Concern trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential;
- D. Involve accusing a person of a crime or formally censuring a person;
- E. Concern information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- F. Concern investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes; or
- G. Specifically relate to the commission's participation in a civil action or other legal proceeding.

11. Requirements for meeting closed to public. For a meeting or portion of a meeting closed pursuant to subsection 10, the commission's legal counsel or designee shall certify that the meeting may be closed and shall reference each relevant exemptive provision. The commission shall keep minutes that must fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and must provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken and the reasons for those actions, including a description of the views expressed and the record of a roll call vote. All documents considered in connection with an action must be identified in these minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting must remain under seal, subject to release by a majority vote of

the commission.

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§ 7267. Powers and duties of the interstate commission--Article 7

The commission has the following powers and duties:

1. Oversee and maintain technology infrastructure. To oversee and maintain the administration of the technology infrastructure;
2. Promulgate rules; take all necessary actions to effect goals. To promulgate rules and take all necessary actions to effect the goals, purposes and obligations as enumerated in this compact, as long as no member state is required to create an advisory committee. The rules have the force and effect of statutory law and are binding in the member states to the extent and in the manner provided in this compact;
3. Establish process for notification of changes to state law or policies. To establish a process for a member state to notify the commission of changes to that member state's prescription monitoring program statutes, regulations or policies. This subsection applies only to changes that affect the administration of the compact;
4. Issue advisory opinions. To issue, upon request of a member state, advisory opinions concerning the meaning or interpretation of the compact and the commission's bylaws, rules and actions;
5. Enforce compliance with compact provisions. To enforce compliance with the compact provisions, the rules promulgated by the interstate commission and the bylaws, using all necessary and proper means, including but not limited to the use of judicial process;
6. Establish and maintain offices. To establish and maintain one or more offices;
7. Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds. To purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;
8. Provide for personnel or services. To borrow, accept, hire or contract for personnel or services;
9. Establish and appoint committees. To establish and appoint committees including but not limited to an executive committee as required by section 7266, subsection 7;
10. Appoint officers, employees and agents. To elect or appoint officers, attorneys, employees, agents or consultants and to fix their compensation, define their duties and determine their

qualifications and to establish the interstate commission's personnel policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, rates of compensation and qualifications of personnel;

11. Seek and accept donations. To seek and accept donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services and to use or dispose of them;

12. Own or lease property. To lease, purchase, accept contributions or donations of or otherwise to own, hold, improve or use any real, personal or mixed property;

13. Sell or exchange property. To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon or otherwise dispose of any real, personal or mixed property;

14. Establish budget. To establish a budget and make expenditures;

15. Adopt seal and bylaws. To adopt a seal and bylaws governing the management and operation of the interstate commission;

16. Report. To report annually to the legislatures, governors and attorneys general of the member states concerning the activities of the interstate commission during the preceding year. These reports must also include any recommendations that may have been adopted by the interstate commission and must be made publicly available;

17. Coordinate education. To coordinate education, training and public awareness regarding the compact and its implementation and operation;

18. Maintain books and records. To maintain books and records in accordance with the bylaws;

19. Perform necessary or appropriate functions. To perform such functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of the compact; and

20. Provide for dispute resolution. To provide for dispute resolution among member states.

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§ 7268. Organization and operation of the interstate commission--Article 8

1. Bylaws. The interstate commission shall, by a majority of the members present and voting, within 12 months after the first interstate commission meeting, adopt bylaws to govern its conduct as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the compact, including, but not limited to:

A. Establishing the fiscal year of the interstate commission;

B. Establishing an executive committee and such other committees as may be necessary for governing any general or specific delegation of authority or function of the interstate commission;

C. Providing procedures for calling and conducting meetings of the interstate commission and ensuring reasonable notice of each meeting;

D. Establishing the titles and responsibilities of the officers and staff of the interstate commission; and

E. Providing a mechanism for concluding the operations of the interstate commission and the return of surplus funds that may exist upon the termination of the compact after the payment and reserving of all of its debts and obligations.

2. Officers. The interstate commission shall, by a majority vote of the members present, elect annually from among its members a chair, a vice-chair and a treasurer, each of whom has such authority and duties as may be specified in the bylaws. The chair or, in the chair's absence or disability, the vice-chair shall preside at all meetings of the interstate commission. The officers elected serve without compensation or remuneration from the interstate commission, except that, subject to the availability of budgeted funds, the officers must be reimbursed for ordinary and necessary costs and expenses incurred by them in the performance of their responsibilities as officers of the interstate commission.

3. Executive committee and staff. The following provisions govern the executive committee and staff.

A. The executive committee has such authority and duties as may be set forth in the bylaws, including but not limited to:

(1) Managing the affairs of the interstate commission in a manner consistent with the bylaws and purposes of the interstate commission;

(2) Overseeing an organizational structure within, and appropriate procedures for, the interstate commission to provide for the administration of the compact; and

(3) Planning, implementing and coordinating communications and activities with other state, federal and local government organizations in order to advance the purpose of the interstate commission.

B. The executive committee may, subject to the approval of the interstate commission, appoint or retain an executive director for such period upon terms and conditions and for compensation as the interstate commission may consider appropriate. The executive director serves as secretary to the interstate commission, but is not a member of the interstate commission. The executive director shall hire and supervise other persons as may be authorized by the interstate commission.

4. Liability. The interstate commission's executive director and the commission's employees are immune from suit and liability, either personally or in their official capacity, for a claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused or arising out of or relating to an actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of interstate commission employment, duties or responsibilities, except that such person is not protected from suit or liability for damage, loss, injury or liability caused by the intentional or willful and wanton misconduct of such person.

A. The liability of the interstate commission's executive director and employees or interstate commission representatives, acting within the scope of that person's employment or duties for acts, errors or omissions occurring within the person's state may not exceed the limits of liability set forth under the constitution and laws of that state for state officials, employees and agents. The interstate commission is considered to be an instrumentality of the states for the purposes of any such action. This subsection may not be construed to protect the person from suit or liability for damage, loss, injury or liability caused by the intentional or willful and wanton misconduct of that person.

B. The interstate commission shall defend the executive director and its employees and, subject to the approval of the attorney general or other appropriate legal counsel of the member state represented by an interstate commission representative, shall defend the interstate commission representative in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of an actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of interstate commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or that the defendant had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of interstate commission employment, duties or responsibilities, as long as the actual or alleged act, error or omission did not result from intentional or willful and wanton misconduct on the part of such person.

C. To the extent not covered by the state involved, member state or the interstate commission, the representatives or employees of the interstate commission must be held harmless in the amount of a settlement or judgment, including attorney's fees and costs, obtained against such persons arising out of an actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of interstate commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or that such persons had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of interstate commission employment, duties or responsibilities, as long as the actual or alleged act, error or omission did not result from intentional or willful and wanton misconduct on the part of such persons.

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§ 7269. Rule-making functions of the interstate commission--Article 9

1. Rule-making authority. The interstate commission shall promulgate reasonable rules in order to effectively and efficiently achieve the purposes of this compact. Notwithstanding this subsection, in the event the interstate commission exercises its rule-making authority in a manner that is beyond the scope of the purposes of this compact or the powers granted under this compact, such an action by the interstate commission is invalid and has no force or effect. Any rules promulgated by the commission do not override the State's authority to govern prescription drugs or each member state's prescription monitoring program.

2. Rule-making procedure. Rules must be made pursuant to a rule-making process that substantially conforms to the "Model State Administrative Procedure Act," of 1981 Act, Uniform Laws Annotated, Vol. 15, p. 1 (2000) as amended, as may be appropriate to the operations of the interstate commission.

3. Judicial review. Not later than 30 days after a rule is promulgated, any person may file a petition for judicial review of the rule as long as the filing of such a petition does not stay or otherwise prevent the rule from becoming effective unless the court finds that the petitioner has a substantial likelihood of success. The court shall give deference to the actions of the interstate commission consistent with applicable law and may not find the rule to be unlawful if the rule represents a reasonable exercise of the interstate commission's authority.

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§ 7270. Oversight, enforcement and dispute resolution--Article 10

1. Oversight. The following provisions govern the oversight of the compact.

A. The executive, legislative and judicial branches of state government in each member state shall enforce this compact and shall take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the compact's purposes and intent. The provisions of this compact and the rules promulgated under this compact have standing as statutory law but do not override the State's authority to govern prescription drugs or the State's prescription monitoring program.

B. All courts shall take judicial notice of the compact and the rules in any judicial or administrative proceeding in a member state pertaining to the subject matter of this compact that may affect the powers, responsibilities or actions of the interstate commission.

C. The interstate commission is entitled to receive all service of process in any proceeding under paragraph B and has standing to intervene in the proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide service of process to the interstate commission renders a judgment or order void as to the interstate commission, this compact or promulgated rules.

2. Default, technical assistance, suspension and termination. If the interstate commission determines that a member state has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this compact or the bylaws or promulgated rules, the interstate commission shall provide written notice to the defaulting state and other member states of the nature of the default, the means of curing the default and any action taken by the interstate commission. The interstate commission shall specify the conditions by which the defaulting state must cure its default. The interstate commission shall provide remedial training and specific technical assistance regarding the default.

A. If the defaulting state fails to cure the default, the defaulting state must be terminated from the compact upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the member states and all rights, privileges and benefits conferred by this compact are terminated from the effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the defaulting state of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of the default.

B. Suspension or termination of membership in the compact may be imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate must be given by the interstate commission to the governor of the defaulting state, the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting state's legislature and each of the member states.

C. A defaulting state that has been suspended or terminated is responsible for all dues, obligations and liabilities incurred through the effective date of suspension or termination, including obligations the performance of which extends beyond the effective date of suspension or termination.

D. The interstate commission may not bear costs relating to any state that has been found to be in default or that has been suspended or terminated from the compact, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing between the interstate commission and the defaulting state.

E. The defaulting state may appeal the action of the interstate commission by petitioning the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the interstate commission has its principal offices. The prevailing party must be awarded all costs of such litigation including reasonable attorney's fees.

3. Dispute resolution. The following provisions govern dispute resolution.

A. The interstate commission shall attempt, upon the request of a member state, to resolve disputes that are subject to the compact and that may arise among member states.

B. The interstate commission shall promulgate rules providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution as appropriate.

4. Enforcement. The following provisions govern enforcement of the compact.

A. The interstate commission, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of this compact.

B. The interstate commission may, by majority vote of the members, initiate legal action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or, at the discretion of the interstate commission, in the federal district where the interstate commission has its principal offices, to enforce compliance with the provisions of the compact and its promulgated rules and bylaws against a member state in default. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary the prevailing party must be awarded all costs of such litigation including reasonable attorney's fees.

C. The remedies in this subsection are not the exclusive remedies of the interstate commission. The interstate commission may avail itself of any other remedies available under state law or the regulation of a profession.

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§ 7271. Member states, effective date and amendment--Article 11

1. Eligibility for membership in compact. Any state that has enacted prescription monitoring program legislation through statute or regulation is eligible to become a member state of this compact.
2. Effective upon enactment by at least 6 states. The compact becomes effective and binding upon legislative enactment of the compact into law by no fewer than 6 states. Thereafter it becomes effective and binding on a state upon enactment of the compact into law by that state. The governors of nonmember states or their designees must be invited to participate in the activities of the interstate commission on a nonvoting basis prior to adoption of the compact by all states.
3. Amendments. The interstate commission may propose amendments to the compact for enactment by the member states. An amendment may not become effective and binding upon the interstate commission and the member states until it is enacted into law by unanimous consent of the member states.

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§ 7272. Withdrawal and dissolution--Article 12

1. Withdrawal. The following provisions govern withdrawal from the compact.

A. Once effective, the compact continues in force and remains binding upon each member state except that a member state may withdraw from the compact by specifically repealing the statute that enacted the compact into law.

B. Withdrawal from this compact must be by the enactment of a statute repealing the compact, but may not take effect until one year after the effective date of that statute and until written notice of the withdrawal has been given by the withdrawing state to the governor of each other member state.

C. The withdrawing state shall immediately notify the chair of the interstate commission in writing upon the introduction of legislation repealing this compact in the withdrawing state. The interstate commission shall notify the other member states of the withdrawing state's intent to withdraw within 60 days of its receipt of notice.

D. The withdrawing state is responsible for all dues, obligations and liabilities incurred through the effective date of withdrawal, including obligations the performance of which extends beyond the effective date of withdrawal.

E. Reinstatement following withdrawal of a member state occurs upon the withdrawing state's reenacting the compact or upon such later date as determined by the interstate commission.

2. Dissolution of the compact. The following provisions govern dissolution of the compact.

A. This compact dissolves effective upon the date of the withdrawal or default of the member state that reduces the membership in the compact to one member state.

B. Upon the dissolution of this compact, the compact becomes void and is of no further force or effect, and the business and affairs of the interstate commission must be concluded and surplus funds must be distributed in accordance with the bylaws.

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§ 7273. Severability and construction--Article 13

1. Severable. The provisions of this compact are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision is determined unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the compact are enforceable.
2. Liberally construed. The provisions of this compact must be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes.
3. Concurrent applicability. Nothing in this compact may be construed to prohibit the applicability of other interstate compacts to which the states are members.

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§ 7274. Binding effect of compact and other laws--Article 14

1. Other laws. Nothing in this compact prevents the enforcement of any other law of a member state that is not inconsistent with this compact. All member states' laws conflicting with this compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict.
2. Binding effect of compact. All lawful actions of the interstate commission, including all rules and bylaws promulgated by the interstate commission, are binding upon the member states.
 - A. All agreements between the interstate commission and the member states are binding in accordance with their terms.
 - B. In the event any provision of this compact exceeds the constitutional limits imposed on the legislature of any member state, the provision is ineffective to the extent of the conflict with the constitutional provision in question in that member state.

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Sec. 5. Requirements for Dispensers

1. Dispensers must acquire and maintain an identification number issued to dispensing pharmacies by the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (“NCPDP”), or request that an alternative number be assigned to them by the Monitor or the Office.

2. Dispensers must provide the information required by 22 MRSA §7249(1) as follows:

A. electronically;

B. in the form required by the Office;

C. to the monitor; and

D. within seven (7) days of the controlled substance being dispensed.

E. The required information is

- The dispenser identification number;
- The date the prescription was filled;
- The prescription number;
- Whether the prescription is new or is a refill;
- The National Drug Code (NDC) for the drug dispensed;
- The quantity dispensed;
- The dosage;
- The patient identification number;
- The patient name;
- The patient address;
- The patient date of birth;

- The prescriber identification number; and
- The date the prescription was issued by the prescriber.

3. A dispenser is immune from liability for disclosure of the above information made pursuant to 22 MRSA §7249 (4).

4. Dispensers must correct their own records and submit corrected copies of these records to the Program whenever they become aware of errors or omissions.

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Sec. 7. Access to Prescription Monitoring Information

1. By patients

A. A patient, or a patients' authorized representative, may obtain a report listing all prescription monitoring information that pertains to the patient.

B. A patient or a patient's authorized representative seeking access to prescription monitoring information described above must submit a written request for information in person at the office of the Monitor, or at any other place specified by the Monitor or the Office. The written request shall be in a format established by the Office or the Monitor and shall contain at least, but not limited to, the following elements:

- 1) the patient's name and the full name of the patient's authorized representative, if applicable;
- 2) the patient's date of birth;
- 3) the patient's address, and the complete physical address of the patient's authorized representative, if applicable;
- 4) the patient's telephone number, if any, and the telephone number of the authorized representative, if applicable; and
- 5) the time period for which information is being requested.

C. The patient or the patient's authorized representative must produce valid photographic identification prior to obtaining access to the information described above. The patient or the patient's authorized representative must allow photocopying of the identification.

D. Prior to obtaining access to the information described above, authorized representatives must produce either an official attested copy of the judicial order granting them authority to gain access to the health care records of the patient; or in the case of parents of a minor child, a certified copy of the Birth Certificate of the minor child or other official documents establishing legal guardianship; or in the case of persons holding power of attorney, the original document establishing the power of attorney. The patient's authorized representative must allow photocopying of the documents described above. The Office or the Monitor may verify the patient authorization by any reasonable means prior to providing the information to the authorized representative.

2. By dispensers

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A. A dispenser, or a licensed pharmacy technician authorized by a supervising pharmacist, may obtain any prescription monitoring information insofar as the information relates to a customer of the dispenser seeking to have a prescription filled. The information shall be provided in a format established by the Office, which may include, but is not limited to, delivery by electronic means, facsimile transmission, or telephonic communication.

B. A dispenser who seeks access to the information described above must register as a data requester in a manner specified by the Monitor or the Office. The Office or Monitor shall issue credentials to authorized dispensers. Dispensers may use these credentials to access the online database and submit requests. If the credentials issued by the Office are lost, missing, or the security of the credentials is compromised, the dispenser shall cause the Office or Monitor to be notified by telephone and in writing as soon as reasonably possible. Information regarding more than one customer may be submitted in a single request. Requests shall be in a format established by the Office or the Monitor and shall contain at least, but not limited to, the following elements for each customer:

- 1) The name and date of birth of the customer; and
- 2) The time period for which information is being requested.

C. The Office or the Monitor shall take reasonable steps to verify each registration, such as, but not limited to, making a telephone call to the dispenser or to an agent of the dispenser at a telephone number known to belong to the dispenser's place of business.

3. By prescribers

A. A prescriber, or any staff member duly authorized by a prescriber and the Office, may obtain any prescription monitoring information insofar as the information relates to a patient under the prescriber's care. The information shall be provided in a format established by the Office, which may include, but is not limited to delivery by electronic means, facsimile transmission, or telephonic communication.

B. A prescriber, or any staff member duly authorized by a prescriber and the Office, who seeks access to the information described above must register as a data requester in a manner specified by the Monitor or the Office. The Office or Monitor shall issue credentials to authorized prescribers or their designees. Data requesters may use these credentials to access the online database and submit requests. If the credentials issued by the Office are lost, missing, or the security of the credentials is compromised, the data requester shall cause the Office or Monitor to be notified by telephone and in writing as soon as reasonably possible. Requests shall be in a format established by the Office or the Monitor and shall contain at least, but not limited to, the following elements for each patient:

- 1) The name and date of birth of the patient; and
- 2) The time period for which information is being requested.

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C. The Office or the Monitor shall take reasonable steps to verify each registration, such as, but not limited to, making a telephone call to the prescriber and licensed health care practitioners duly authorized by prescribers, or to an agent of the prescriber at a telephone number known to belong to the prescriber's place of business.

4. By executive director, board investigator, or person authorized to discharge equivalent functions of a licensing board.

A. An executive director, board investigator, or person authorized to discharge equivalent functions of a licensing board with jurisdiction over a dispenser or prescriber may obtain any prescription monitoring information as required for an investigation, with reasonable cause. The information shall be provided in a format established by the Office, which may include, but is not limited to delivery by electronic means, facsimile transmission, or telephonic communication.

B. An executive director, board investigator, or person authorized to discharge equivalent functions of a licensing board with jurisdiction over a dispenser or prescriber who seeks access to prescription monitoring information described above must submit a request via mail, facsimile, or secure electronic transmission, to a location specified by the Monitor or the Office. The request shall contain identifying information regarding the licensee or patient and the time period for which the information is being requested. The data requester shall certify that each request is related to an investigation involving misuse of a Schedule II, III, or IV drug and provide a case number or other assurance that the request is related to the board representative's official duties.

5. By personnel of any vendor or contractor engaged by the Office

A. Personnel of any vendor or contractor engaged by the Office may obtain any prescription monitoring information insofar as the information is necessary for establishing and maintaining the program's electronic system.

B. The Office, the monitor, and program vendors or contractors engaged by the Office, shall purge all prescription monitoring information more than six years old.

6. By the units within the Department of Health and Human Services that administer the MaineCare program.

A. Subject to the requirements of 22 M.R.S.A. §7250(4)(F), the authorized representative of those units of the Department of Health and Human Services which oversee, administer, or otherwise supervise MaineCare programs which determine eligibility for and use of prescription drugs, and the appropriate utilization of prescription drugs, for the purposes of managing the care of MaineCare members, monitoring the purchase of controlled substances by MaineCare members, and avoiding duplicate dispensing of controlled substances to MaineCare members.

B. The person or persons authorized pursuant to Section 7(6)(A) must submit a request via mail, facsimile, or secure electronic transmission, to a location specified by the Monitor or the Office. The request shall contain surname, first name, and date of birth of the member and the time period for which the information is being requested. An intervention approach shall be undertaken with MaineCare members who are determined to be accessing controlled substances in a quantity or with a frequency beyond the norm for persons with similar medical conditions or diagnoses and the intervention approach shall not include terminating the member from MaineCare services.

7. By the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

A. The Chief Medical Examiner or a designee may obtain any prescription monitoring information as required for an investigation or inquiry into the cause, manner and circumstances of death in a medical examiner case. The information shall be provided in a format established by the Office of Substance Abuse, which may include, but is not limited to delivery by electronic means, facsimile transmission, or telephonic communication.

B. The Chief Medical Examiner or a designee must submit a request via mail, facsimile, or secure electronic transmission, to a location specified by the Monitor or the Office. The request shall contain the surname, first name, and date of birth of the decedent and the time period for which the information is being requested.

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Sec. 9. Review of information

1. Pursuant to 22 MRSA §7250, the Office and the Monitor shall review the information in the database on at least a quarterly basis to determine whether there are cases in which there has been questionable activity by patients or prescribers.

2. Patient Review

A. The Office shall review prescription monitoring information related to individual patients to determine which patients have surpassed threshold levels of controlled substances. These threshold levels may include any of the following --

- high number of prescribers in a short time period, as determined by the Office;
- high number of doses during a short time period, as determined by the Office;
- Days Supply of prescriptions for the same drug overlapping by more than a few days;
- unhealthy combinations of controlled substances, as determined by the Office;
- more than one method of payment within a short time period;
- more than one out of state prescriber for the same patient, during a short time period, as determined by the Office;
- more than one pharmacy on the same day;
- more than one pharmacy in different public health districts within one month; AND/OR
- dangerous levels of specific drugs, as determined by the Office.

B. Notification -- When a patient surpasses the threshold levels established by the Office, the office shall notify the prescriber(s) and the dispenser(s) of the controlled substance(s) and provide all relevant prescription monitoring information to those persons through an established letter of notification.

Sec. 2. Online applications and renewals for prescribers of controlled substances; electronic coding; access for prescribers and their delegates. The Department of Health and Human Services, Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program, referred to in this section as “the program,” shall update the enrollment mechanism for prescribes of controlled substances who are registering with the program or are renewing registration. The update must enable prescribers to be enrolled in the program automatically when applying for or renewing a professional license and must establish the electronic code necessary to update the program’s computer system accordingly. The update must allow a federal Drug Enforcement Administration number to be entered during the online application or renewal process and must notify an applicant that in providing the federal number the applicant is automatically registered with the program. The program shall update its computer system to allow subaccount holders and delegated account holders access to the database using the online application process. The program shall update its computer system to enable licensing data to be extracted on a scheduled basis from the agency’s licensing management system and securely transferred to the program in order to enroll in the program unregistered licensees who have federal Drug Enforcement Administration numbers and e-mail addresses.