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## HB14-1283 MODIFY PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM

Concerning modifications to the electronic prescription drug monitoring program

### Bill Details

<b>Bill Title:</b>	Modify Prescription Drug Monitoring Program- Concerning modifications to the electronic prescription drug monitoring program
<b>Bill Sponsors:</b>	House – McCann(D), Ginal (D) Senate – Newell (D) and Kefalas (D)
<b>Committee:</b>	Health, Insurance, & Environment
<b>Bill History:</b>	03/06/2014 House Committee on Health, Insurance, & Environment Refer Amended to Appropriations
<b>Next Action:</b>	Hearing – Appropriations Committee, Unscheduled

### Bill Summary

HB14-1283 makes a variety of changes to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). This bill would authorize the State Board of Pharmacy, in conjunction with other state boards to develop criteria for indicators of controlled substance misuse, abuse, and diversion of prescription medication. The board would then provide reports to practitioners and pharmacies to warn of potential patient prescription drug abuse. The bill also would allow CDPHE and HCPF to access the database for public health monitoring and Medicaid patient coordination.

HB14-1283 would expand access to the PDMP in several ways. First, it would allow pharmacies not located in Colorado and federally owned pharmacies to access the database to find current patient information. Next, it would allow a practitioner or pharmacist to delegate access to up to three individuals acting under them. Doctors and pharmacists, and anyone they delegate access to, would be required to register and create accounts with the program by January 1, 2015.

Additionally, Colorado pharmacies would be subject to court ordered law enforcement information requests of PDMP. Currently, law enforcement can request information regarding patients and practitioners, but not of individual pharmacies.

Finally, the bill authorizes (but does not require) the executive director of DORA to create a PDMP task force to develop a plan to reduce prescription drug abuse.

According to the fiscal note, the cost would be \$7,500 and would pay for the cost of the vendor to modify the database to increase access to new users. If HB14-1170, Sunset Controlled Substance Abuse Act, passes, no appropriations are needed.

### Background

The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) stores information about controlled substance prescriptions dispensed to patients by Colorado pharmacies. The PDMP is overseen by the State Board of Pharmacy which is housed in the Department of Regulatory Agencies. The data in the PDMP database include prescriber name, patient name, drug name and dose, quantity supplied, the number of refills, and dispensing pharmacy. The PDMP is funded with a surcharge on prescriber licenses. Since 2007, there have only been five complaints regarding unlawful use of the database.

Colorado ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> worse in rates of prescription pain killer use with 6 percent of Coloradans 12 and older using prescription opioids nonmedically in 2011.<sup>1</sup> Colorado deaths from prescription drug overdose tripled between 2000 and 2012.<sup>2</sup> Twice as many Coloradans died from prescription drug poisoning as from drunk driving accidents in 2011.<sup>3</sup> This bill would work to identify signs of abuse and alert providers and prescribers. By requiring registration by prescribers, the bill hopes to increase use of the PDMP, which is currently used by 30 percent of prescribers in Colorado.<sup>4</sup>

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## About this Summary

This summary was prepared by Health District of Northern Larimer County staff to assist the Health District Board of Directors in determining whether to take an official stand on various health-related issues. The Health District is a special district of the northern two-thirds of Larimer County, Colorado, supported by local property tax dollars and governed by a publicly elected five-member board. The Health District provides medical, mental health, dental, preventive and health planning services to the communities it serves. For more information about this summary or the Health District, please contact Dan Sapienza, Policy Coordinator, at (970) 224-5209, or e-mail at dsapienza@healthdistrict.org.

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<sup>1</sup> SAMHSA. (2013). State estimates of nonmedical use of prescription pain relievers. *National Survey on Drug Use and Health*. Retrieved from <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/2k12/NSDUH115/sr115-nonmedical-use-pain-relievers.htm>

<sup>2</sup> Peer Assistance Services, Inc. (2014). Prescription drug abuse in Colorado. *Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Program, Colorado Medical Society*. Retrieved from [http://www.cms.org/uploads/Fact\\_Sheet\\_-\\_2014\\_Final.pdf](http://www.cms.org/uploads/Fact_Sheet_-_2014_Final.pdf)

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<sup>4</sup> Colorado House Health, Insurance, & Environment Committee. (2014, March 6). House Health, Insurance, & Environment Committee Hearing, *Archived Audio*. Retrieved from <http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2014A/cslFrontPages.nsf/Audio?OpenPage>