

## Legislative Bill Summary

**Bill Number:** SB 192 (Introduced)

**Title:** Concerning Continuation of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, and, in Connection Therewith, Repealing the Prescription Controlled Substance Abuse Monitoring Committee

**Sponsors:** Aguilar & Spence, et al (Senate)  
Massey, et al (House)

**Location:** Senate Appropriations (04/14/2011)

The Colorado Electronic Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (EPDMP) was authorized by law in 2005 and began operating in 2007. The program allows prescribers and pharmacists to gather information, electronically via secure internet, about the patients they serve and to ensure that their prescribing and dispensing is appropriate for the circumstances presented. The EPDMP was scheduled to cease operations on July 1, 2011 (as per the original statute). SB 192 would extend the program for 10 more years, until July 1, 2021.

In addition, the bill repeals the Prescription Controlled Substance Abuse Advisory Monitoring Committee. Established by the original statute, Committee's charge has been to "advise and assist the [State Board of Pharmacy] with the development, operation, and maintenance of the electronic prescription drug monitoring program; and with the development of access and security protocols for the program" *Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 12-22-703(2)*.