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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROVIDES UPDATE ON
PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM**

- Dispensers begin reporting September 1st -

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health (DOH) today provided an update on the state's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).

- The Electronic - Florida Online Reporting of Controlled Substances Evaluation program (E-FORCSE) has been chosen as the name for the PDMP.
- The program's website – www.eforcse.com – has been updated to reflect the name, and include additional information about the PDMP.
- Health Information Designs, Inc. has been selected to provide the prescription drug monitoring system.
- Dispensers may register for system access on August 1, 2011, and begin uploading dispensing data into the system on September 1, 2011.
- Health care practitioners may register to access and begin using the prescription drug monitoring system on October 17, 2011.

On September 1, 2011, any health care practitioner who has dispensed a controlled substance, as defined in [section 893.03, F.S.](#) (i.e., OxyContin®, Percocet®, Vicodin®, Klonopin®, Xanax®, and Valium®), is required to report dispensing information to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program's database within seven (7) days after dispensing, in accordance with section 893.055, F.S. This includes pharmacies licensed under chapter 465, F.S., and dispensing health care practitioners licensed under chapter 458, 459, 461, 462, 465, or 466, F.S.

Registration for Dispensers begins August 1, 2011. Please visit <http://www.hidinc.com/flpdmp> and view the *Dispenser's Implementation Guide* for step-by-step instructions on how to register as an Uploader, and how to upload your controlled substance dispensing information. The guide provides information regarding system registration and data collection requirements. Reporting begins September 1, 2011. E-FORCSE requests that dispensers report retroactive data from December 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011. Dispensers have until November 30, 2011 to provide this retroactive data.

E-FORCSE complies with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) as it pertains to protected health information (PHI), electronic protected health information (EPHI), and all other relevant state and federal privacy and security laws and regulations.