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As of Jan. 1, ALL Controlled Substance License Holders MUST Register in Illinois' Prescription Monitoring Program. Are You Registered?

If you are an Illinois controlled substance license holder not yet registered with the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP), it's time – as of January 1, it's the law.

All prescribers are now required to access the PMP before writing an initial prescription for a Schedule II narcotic, such as an opioid, though some exceptions apply.

Licensed prescribers who fail to register in Illinois' PMP risk investigation by the state's Medical License Disciplinary Board.

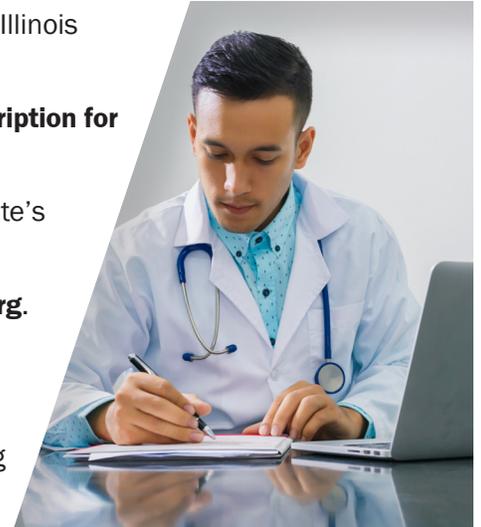
Registration is an all-online process, starting with a visit to the site at www.ilpmp.org.

If you're having problems registering, contact the PMP directly at 217-524-1311 or email dhs.pmp@illinois.gov.

Keep in mind that due to the continued high processing volume, PMP staff is facing a significant workload right now verifying registrations.

To help you understand your requirements under the new PMP law, consider checking the following resources:

- Our partners at the Illinois State Medical Society have posted a webinar on the PMP at www.ismie.com/pmpweb and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) at www.isms.org/pmpquestions.
- For general questions on the PMP not covered above, call our health policy department at **800-782-4767** or email HPResearch@ismie.com.



Illinois Physicians Create Jobs! Latest AMA Economic Impact Study Details Critical Role State's Physicians Play in Illinois Economy, Overall Health Care Employment

Earlier this month, the American Medical Association released its **2018 Economic Impact Study** including in-depth state-by-state analysis of how Illinois doctors support local economies. Here's a quick summary of how Illinois physicians benefit our state economy:

- Illinois' physician workforce accounts for \$73.2 billion in economic output, averaging \$2.4 million per doctor.
- Each physician position accounts for an additional 13 local jobs to support health care delivery.
- Each physician creates almost \$100,000 in annual state and local tax revenue.

Both state and national figures from the study are available for download at www.ismie.com/ama. In total, Illinois physicians create \$34.8 billion in annual statewide wages and benefits, meaning every doctor plays an integral role in the Illinois economy.



Next Time, Just Wave

This'll grab you.

In late December, a Tennessee appellate court revived a woman's 2016 lawsuit alleging that her doctor's handshake caused injury, ruling that the state trial court wrongfully

decided that the familiar office greeting was part of the patient's health care. Ouch.

In their decision, the three-judge panel consulted case law and even "Miss Manners' Guide to Excruciatingly Correct Behavior" to reject the defendant's argument that the handshake served a medical purpose, "namely to build the patient's trust."

You can read the case at www.ismie.com/handshake.

We'll be watching this gripping case to the bitter end. ■

Back to School for 2018! Check Out These Upcoming ISMIE Live Risk Management Events

Here's the start of 2018's lineup of risk management education events for you and your staff. For questions, email riskmanagement@ismie.com the ISMIE risk management team or call 800-782-4767, ext. 3300. Visit www.ismie.com to register.

February 22, 2018 | 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. | Seminar
Preparing for Your Risk Assessment | Oak Brook

March 16, 2018 | 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. | Seminar
Preparing for Your Risk Assessment | Chicago

September 14, 2018 | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Seminar
Communications for Staff: The Keys to Building Trust and Improving the Patient Experience



AHIMA Releases 17-Step Plan to Improve Cybersecurity in all Medical Settings

Looking for a good resource to evaluate systems security in your office?

The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), a national group for health IT professionals, closed 2017 with a 17-step plan to guide hospitals, health systems and individual clinics in better cybersecurity governance.

With elements addressing both senior-level planning and

desktop-level specifics on cybersecurity best practices, it's a useful tool to evaluate and improve systems security at your office. You can download the report at www.ismie.com/ahima.

Keep in mind that your ISMIE policy includes cyber liability protection at no extra cost. Also, higher limits for cyber liability protection are available for individual physicians and physician clinics at a relatively inexpensive cost of \$850 per physician, subject to approval. All the details are available at www.ismie.com.

If you utilize a broker, consider contacting him or her for more information, or reach out to ISMIE's underwriting team at 800-782-4767 or by email at underwriting@ismie.com. ■