

Existing law establishes the state prescription monitoring system, an electronic system for the monitoring of controlled substances and other drugs of concern that are dispensed in the state or dispensed to an address within the state.

Existing law further provides that, except as provided in existing law, prescription monitoring information submitted to the La. Board of Pharmacy shall be protected health information, not subject to public or open records law and not subject to disclosure.

Prior law provided that persons authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances or drugs of concern, after successful completion of the required educational courses, may access prescription monitoring information for the purpose of providing medical or pharmaceutical care for their patients or for verifying their prescribing records.

New law retains prior law and adds delegates of persons authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances or drugs of concern.

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