

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for prescription monitoring and provides that health information maintained in the program is protected to maintain privacy and confidentiality of patient health information.

New law specifies that prescription monitoring information is not available by subpoena from the board.

Existing law allows the use of prescription monitoring information for research or educational purposes but requires any identifying information be removed before the data is used.

Existing law allows certain professionals to directly access prescription monitoring information for the care of patients.

Existing law limits access to law enforcement agencies to prescription monitoring information to subpoenas or warrants ordering the information.

Existing law allows for the provision of prescription monitoring information in response to queries from other states through a secure interstate data exchange system.

Prior law required that in order to share information with other states, the other state's system must be at least as secure as required in La. New law changes prior law to allow the exchange of information with other states as long as the security is consistent with the requirements of existing law.

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(Amends R.S. 40:1007(A) and (G))