

~~(1) A STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY;~~

~~(2) A SHERIFF'S OFFICE;~~

~~(3) A STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE; OR~~

~~(4) THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.~~

~~21-2A-02.~~

~~(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD, A PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM THAT ELECTRONICALLY COLLECTS AND STORES DATA CONCERNING MONITORED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.~~

~~(B) THE SECRETARY MAY:~~

~~(1) ASSIGN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM TO ANY UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT; AND~~

~~(2) CONTRACT WITH ANY QUALIFIED PERSON AS THE SECRETARY DEEMS NECESSARY FOR THE EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM.~~

~~(C) THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD, SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(D) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY SHALL:~~

~~(1) ASSIST HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS IN:~~

~~(i) THE IDENTIFICATION, TREATMENT, AND PREVENTION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE; AND~~

~~(ii) THE IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION OF UNLAWFUL PRESCRIPTION DRUG DIVERSION;~~

~~(2) PROMOTE A BALANCED USE OF PRESCRIPTION MONITORING DATA TO ASSIST APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES WHILE PRESERVING THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND THE ACCESS OF PATIENTS TO OPTIMAL PHARMACEUTICAL CARE;~~