

# Notice

In response to a problem with prescription drug abuse in Virginia, the General Assembly passed a law establishing a statewide Prescription Monitoring Program. This program collects prescription data for specified drug schedules into a central database, which can then be used by limited authorized users to assist in deterring the illegitimate use of prescription drugs.

*As authorized users of the program, pharmacists may request information from Program files on all Schedule II-IV prescriptions dispensed to a patient to assist them in determining the validity of a prescription.*

The information collected in this program is maintained by the Department of Health Professions, and strict security and confidentiality measures will be enforced. Only those persons authorized by law can be provided information from the database.