

# CLOGGING THE PMP WITH UNNECESSARY INFORMATION

**HB5442 Representative Jim Durkin, R - Burr Ridge**

## **Please Vote No!**

**HB5442:** One portion of this bill amends the Controlled Substance Act to require hospitals to report all controlled substances ordered and administered to patients to the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP).

- Hospitals and health-systems are currently exempted from reporting controlled substance medications administered to inpatients or prescriptions dispensed for a 72-hour or less supply of controlled substances from the Emergency Department or upon discharge. HB5442 would remove that exemption.
- The Prescription Monitoring Program was initially established in Illinois to identify doctor-shoppers and pharmacy-shoppers who seek large quantities of controlled substances more often than would be therapeutically reasonable.
- Patients being cared for in hospitals do not have the option of doctor-shopping or pharmacy shopping so the need to report these doses of controlled substance does not help identify controlled substance abusers.
- These reporting requirements, in addition to being of little use to identify controlled substance abusers on the inpatient side of hospitals, would be extremely burdensome for hospital pharmacy systems.
- Electronic chart review would be a significant daily task for pharmacy personnel and while many patients receive orders for prescription controlled substances, not every patient actually receives doses.

The “Opioid Crisis” is a serious epidemic that the entire nation faces and the Illinois PMP has already made significant strides to decrease the incidence of abuse of controlled substances in Illinois. Illinois ranked 25<sup>th</sup> in Opioid overdose deaths at 18.9 per 100,000 population (2,411 total) in 2015, a large portion of which caused by heroin (844 in 2015 last year for which data is available).

The goal of this portion of HB5442 may be well intentioned but it will create a significant burden for hospital and health-system pharmacy departments while doing very little if anything to fight the growing opioid crisis in Illinois. Help us remove the section of this bill that offers changes to the Illinois PMP. If we cannot accomplish that:



**Please Vote No!**

