

1                   **ACCESS TO OPIOID PRESCRIPTION INFORMATION VIA**  
2                   **PRACTITIONER DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

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4                                   STATE OF UTAH

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10           This bill amends the Controlled Substance Database Act.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12           This bill:

- 13           ▶ defines terms;
- 14           ▶ requires the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing within the  
15 Department of Commerce to make opioid prescription data information in its  
16 controlled substance database accessible to an opioid prescriber or pharmacist via  
17 the prescriber's or pharmacist's electronic data system;
- 18           ▶ limits access to and use of the information by an electronic data system, a  
19 prescriber, or a pharmacist in accordance with rules established by the division;
- 20           ▶ requires rulemaking by the division;
- 21           ▶ requires the division to periodically audit use of the information; and
- 22           ▶ amends Controlled Substance Database Act penalty provisions.

23 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

24           None

25 **Other Special Clauses:**

26           None

27 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**



28 AMENDS:

29 [58-37f-601](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 326

30 ENACTS:

31 [58-37f-303](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



33 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

34 Section 1. Section **58-37f-303** is enacted to read:

35 **58-37f-303. Access to opioid prescription information via an electronic data**  
36 **system.**

37 (1) As used in this section:

38 (a) "Dispense" means the same as that term is defined in Section [58-17b-102](#).

39 (b) "EDS user":

40 (i) means:

41 (A) a prescriber;

42 (B) a pharmacist; or

43 (C) an individual granted access to the database under Subsection [58-37f-301\(3\)\(c\)](#);

44 and

45 (ii) does not mean an individual whose access to the database has been revoked by the  
46 division pursuant to Subsection [58-37f-301\(5\)\(b\)](#).

47 (c) "Electronic data system" means a software product or an electronic service used by:

48 (i) a prescriber to manage electronic health records; or

49 (ii) a pharmacist to manage the dispensing of prescription drugs.

50 (d) "Opioid" means any substance listed in Subsection [58-37-4\(2\)\(b\)\(i\)](#) or [\(2\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#).

51 (e) "Pharmacist" means the same as that term is defined in Section [58-17b-102](#).

52 (f) "Prescriber" means a practitioner, as that term is defined in Section [58-37-2](#), who is  
53 licensed under Section [58-37-6](#) to prescribe an opioid.

54 (g) "Prescription drug" means the same as that term is defined in Section [58-17b-102](#).

55 (2) Subject to Subsections (3) through (6), no later than January 1, 2017, the division  
56 shall make opioid prescription information in the database available to an EDS user via the  
57 user's electronic data system.

58 (3) An electronic data system may be used to make opioid prescription information in

59 the database available to an EDS user only if the electronic data system complies with rules  
60 established by the division under Subsection (4).

61 (4) (a) The division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
62 Administrative Rulemaking Act, specifying:

63 (i) an electronic data system's:

64 (A) allowable access to and use of opioid prescription information in the database; and

65 (B) minimum actions that must be taken to ensure that opioid prescription information  
66 accessed from the database is protected from inappropriate disclosure or use; and

67 (ii) an EDS user's:

68 (A) allowable access to opioid prescription information in the database via an  
69 electronic data system; and

70 (B) allowable use of the information.

71 (b) The rules shall establish:

72 (i) minimum user identification requirements that in substance are the same as the  
73 database identification requirements in Section [58-37f-301](#);

74 (ii) user access restrictions that in substance are the same as the database identification  
75 requirements in Section [58-37f-301](#); and

76 (iii) any other requirements necessary to ensure that in substance the provisions of  
77 Sections [58-37f-301](#) and [58-37f-302](#) apply to opioid prescription information in the database  
78 that has been made available to an EDS user via an electronic data system.

79 (5) The division may not make opioid prescription information in the database  
80 available to an EDS user via the user's electronic data system if:

81 (a) the electronic data system does not comply with the rules established by the  
82 division under Subsection (4); or

83 (b) the EDS user does not comply with the rules established by the division under  
84 Subsection (4).

85 (6) (a) The division shall periodically audit the use of opioid prescription information  
86 made available to an EDS user via the user's electronic data system.

87 (b) The audit shall review compliance by:

88 (i) the electronic data system with rules established by the division under Subsection  
89 (4); and

90 (ii) the EDS user with rules established by the division under Subsection (4).

91 (c) (i) If the division determines by audit or other means that an electronic data system  
 92 is not in compliance with rules established by the division under Subsection (4), the division  
 93 shall immediately suspend or revoke the electronic data system's access to opioid prescription  
 94 information in the database.

95 (ii) If the division determines by audit or other means that an EDS user is not in  
 96 compliance with rules established by the division under Subsection (4), the division shall  
 97 immediately suspend or revoke the EDS user's access to opioid prescription information in the  
 98 database via an electronic data system.

99 (iii) If the division suspends or revokes access to opioid prescription information in the  
 100 database under Subsection (6)(c)(i) or (6)(c)(ii), the division shall also take any other  
 101 appropriate corrective or disciplinary action authorized by this chapter or title.

101a **Ĥ→ (7)The division shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee during**  
 101b **the 2017 interim and the 2018 interim on the implementation of this section. The reports shall**  
 101c **be made before October 1 each year. ←Ĥ**

102 Section 2. Section **58-37f-601** is amended to read:

103 **58-37f-601. Unlawful release or use of database information -- Criminal and civil**  
 104 **penalties.**

105 (1) (a) Any person who knowingly and intentionally releases:

106 (i) any information in the database or any information obtained from other state or  
 107 federal prescription monitoring programs by means of the database in violation of the  
 108 limitations under Part 3, Access, is guilty of a third degree felony; or

109 (ii) any information in the database accessed under Section [58-37f-303](#) by an electronic  
 110 data system, or accessed by a person via an electronic data system, in violation of rules  
 111 established by the division under Subsection [58-37f-303](#)(4) is guilty of a third degree felony.

112 (b) Any person who negligently or recklessly releases:

113 (i) any information in the database or any information obtained from other state or  
 114 federal prescription monitoring programs by means of the database in violation of the  
 115 limitations under [~~Title 58, Chapter 37f,~~] Part 3, Access, is guilty of a class C misdemeanor; or

116 (ii) any information in the database accessed under Section [58-37f-303](#) by an electronic  
 117 data system, or accessed by a person via an electronic data system, in violation of rules  
 118 established by the division under Subsection [58-37f-303](#)(4) is guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

119 (2) (a) Any person who obtains or attempts to obtain the following by  
 120 misrepresentation or fraud is guilty of a third degree felony:

- 121           (i) information from the database [~~or~~];
- 122           (ii) information from any other state or federal prescription monitoring [~~programs~~]
- 123 ~~program~~ by means of the database [~~by misrepresentation or fraud is guilty of a third degree~~
- 124 ~~felony.]; or~~
- 125           (iii) information from the database or any other state or federal prescription monitoring
- 126 program via an electronic data system under Section 58-37f-303.
- 127           (b) Any person who obtains or attempts to obtain information from the database,
- 128 including via an electronic data system under Section 58-37f-303 that has access to the
- 129 database, for a purpose other than a purpose authorized by this chapter or by rule is guilty of a
- 130 third degree felony.
- 131           (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(e), a person may not knowingly and
- 132 intentionally use, release, publish, or otherwise make available to any other person [~~any~~] the
- 133 following information for any purpose other than those specified in Part 3, Access:
- 134           (i) information obtained from the database [~~or~~];
- 135           (ii) information obtained from any other state or federal prescription monitoring
- 136 [~~programs~~] program by means of the database [~~for any purpose other than those specified in~~
- 137 ~~Part 3, Access~~]; or
- 138           (iii) information in the database accessed under Section 58-37f-303 by:
- 139           (A) an electronic data system; or
- 140           (B) a person via an electronic data system.
- 141           (b) Each separate violation of this Subsection (3) is a third degree felony and is also
- 142 subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000.
- 143           (c) The procedure for determining a civil violation of this Subsection (3) is in
- 144 accordance with Section 58-1-108, regarding adjudicative proceedings within the division.
- 145           (d) Civil penalties assessed under this Subsection (3) shall be deposited in the General
- 146 Fund as a dedicated credit to be used by the division under Subsection 58-37f-502(1).
- 147           (e) This Subsection (3) does not prohibit a person who obtains information from the
- 148 database under Subsection 58-37f-301(2)(f), (g), (i), or (4)(c) from:
- 149           (i) including the information in the person's medical chart or file for access by a person
- 150 authorized to review the medical chart or file; or
- 151           (ii) providing the information to a person in accordance with the requirements of the

152 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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