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Texas Prescription Monitoring Program Registration Strongly Encouraged for Physicians and PAs Who Prescribe Controlled Substances

The Texas Medical Board is strongly encouraging all Texas Physicians and Physician Assistants (PAs) who prescribe controlled substances to register with the [Texas Prescription Monitoring Program \(PMP\)](#). As of March 2018 only 32% of Texas Physicians and 37% of Texas PAs were [registered](#) with the PMP.

Violations of the PMP are serious and can put your medical license at risk. If you are a doctor or PA licensed in the state of Texas, it is critical that you adhere to the rules and regulations of the PMP.

Purpose of the PMP

The PMP collects prescription data on all [Schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substances](#) dispensed by a pharmacy in Texas and to a Texas resident from a pharmacy located in another state. The purpose is to help control misuse of controlled substances and to generate information regarding prescription trends.

The program was created to be an efficient, cost effective tool for investigating and preventing drug diversion. Prescription drug diversion is the channeling of regulated pharmaceuticals from legal sources to the black market. [Drug diversion](#) may involve physicians who sell prescriptions, pharmacists who falsify records and sell the drugs, employees who steal inventory, prescription forgers, or other crimes involving the diversion of prescription drugs.

The PMP may be used by practitioners to verify their own prescribing records and confirm that prescriptions for controlled substances linked to their DEA registration number were actually written by them. The program also allows

practitioners to monitor patients' prescription history. This helps to avoid a situation where duplicate prescriptions are written for the same drug, to the same patient, by multiple providers.

Registering with the PMP

Previously under Texas law prescribers were required to submit a Controlled Substances Registration with the Texas Department of Public Safety. When that registration process was discontinued, no other process replaced it. Currently practitioners are required only to have a current Federal DEA registration in order to prescribe controlled substances. While physicians and PAs are not *required* to register with the PMP, it is strongly encouraged.

The PMP is administered by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP). Under Texas [House Bill 2561](#) the Texas Medical Board provided the contact information of its licensees to the TSBP. The TSBP has sent prescribers emails with a link to register with the PMP. If you have not received the email, you can register for the PMP [here](#).

On the PMP registration page select "[Create an Account](#)." You will need to enter your email, which will serve as your username, and a password. On the following pages you will select your role and enter your personal and work information. After submitting your registration a welcome screen will appear that displays the status of your account.

Facing Disciplinary Action for Alleged Violations of the PMP

If you have been notified of a complaint filed against you for alleged violations of the PMP based on a prescription you wrote, it is critical that you seek the advice of an [experienced medical license defense attorney](#) immediately.

[Our Firm](#) believes that immediately consulting an experienced medical license defense attorney to review allegations of misconduct helps ensure the most favorable outcome in your case. We know how to navigate the complaint processes of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy and the Texas Medical Board. The attorneys at [BERTOLINO LLP](#) are prepared to represent you at any legal hearing or proceeding regarding your medical license.

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Introducing Jesus "Jesse" Joslin, Associate Attorney

A native of south Texas, Jesse attended the University of Texas and earned a B.A. in Government with a minor in English literature in 2012, making the University Honors list multiple times. While he always had his sights set on becoming an attorney, upon graduation, Jesse took a couple of years to gain experience working in government. During his last semester at the University of Texas, he began working at the Texas Medical Board (TMB) as a Pre-licensure Analyst and, later, as TMB's Expert Panelist Coordinator.



His experience aiding medical professionals seeking licensure and facilitating TMB's investigations of complaints against medical professionals not only provided valuable insight into how administrative agencies conduct such investigations, but also further spurred his interest into becoming an attorney and practicing administrative law. [Read more.](#)

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