

Member Alert: New law on Prescription Monitoring Program effective Jan. 1

[Senate Bill 772](#), which now presents new requirements of prescribers of controlled substances, was signed into law by Gov. Rauner on December 13.

Effective January 1, 2018, **each prescriber possessing an Illinois Controlled Substance License must register with the [Prescription Monitoring Program \(PMP\)](#)**. Those dentists seeking initial licensing within the state of Illinois will be expected to register with the PMP a part of their licensure application process when applying for a Controlled Substance License. When visiting the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program homepage, **click on the Help and Frequently Asked Questions** tab. Under this tab, you will find links to [How-To Videos](#) on the overview of the PMP, registration, and logging into the program. You may also submit questions on the [PMP Questions Form](#) or by calling 217/524-1311.

The [Illinois Controlled Substances Act](#) requires that each prescriber, or his or her designee, shall also document an attempt to access patient information in the PMP to assess patient access to controlled substances when providing an initial prescription for Schedule II narcotics, such as opioids. [Current PMP Rules](#) specifically define in Section 2080.210 (c) as to who may be an authorized designee. **Dental hygienists or unlicensed healthcare professionals cannot access the PMP on behalf of the Controlled Substance licensee.**

For information regarding the [Dentist Controlled Substance License Application](#), visit the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) website. In June, when IDFPR issues dental license renewal notices, dentists will be expected to have already registered with PMP.