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- (a) There is a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program in the Department.
- (b) The mission of the Program is to:
 - (1) Assist prescribers, dispensers, and public health professionals in:
 - (i) The identification and prevention of prescription drug abuse; and
 - (ii) The identification and investigation of unlawful prescription drug diversion; and
 - (2) Promote a balanced use of prescription monitoring data to assist appropriate law enforcement activities while preserving the professional practice of health care providers and the access of patients to optimal pharmaceutical care.
- (c) To carry out its mission, the Program shall monitor the prescribing and dispensing of all Schedule II, Schedule III, Schedule IV, and Schedule V controlled dangerous substances by all prescribers and dispensers in the State.

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