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§21-2A-04.

(a) The Secretary, in consultation with the Board, shall adopt regulations to carry out this subtitle.

(b) The regulations adopted by the Secretary shall:

(1) Specify the prescription monitoring data required to be submitted under § 21-2A-03 of this subtitle;

(2) Specify the electronic or other means by which information is to be submitted:

(i) Without unduly increasing the workload and expense on dispensers; and

(ii) In a manner as compatible as possible with existing data submission practices of dispensers;

(3) Specify that the Program:

(i) Shall provide the information technology software to dispensers necessary to upload prescription drug monitoring data to the Program; and

(ii) May not impose any fees or other assessments on prescribers or dispensers to support the operation of the Program;

(4) Specify that a prescriber or dispenser is not required or obligated to access or use prescription monitoring data available under the Program;

(5) Identify the mechanism by which prescription monitoring data are disclosed to a person, in accordance with § 21-2A-06 of this subtitle;

(6) Identify the circumstances under which a person may disclose prescription monitoring data received under the Program;

(7) Specify the process for the Program's review of prescription monitoring data and reporting of possible misuse or abuse of a monitored prescription drug under § 21-2A-06(c) of this subtitle;

(8) Establish requirements for Program retention of prescription monitoring data for 3 years; and

(9) Require that:

(i) Confidential or privileged patient information be kept confidential; and

(ii) Records or information protected by a privilege between a health care provider and a patient, or otherwise required by law to be held confidential, be filed in a manner that, except as otherwise provided in § 21–2A–06 of this subtitle, does not disclose the identity of the person protected.

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