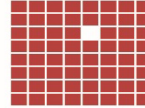




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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 200 – *Public Health – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program –
Naloxone Medication Data*

The Maryland State Medical Society and the Maryland Chapter of the American College of
Emergency Physicians **support** Senate Bill 200.

Senate Bill 200, introduced at the request of the Maryland Department of Health, will require the
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) to monitor the dispensing of naloxone medication. The
bill specifically excludes Naloxone medication from the definition of “monitored prescription drug”,
which are controlled dangerous substances and establishes standards surrounding the disclosure of
naloxone medication data.

Given the increase in overdoses generally and overdose deaths specifically, including the
distribution of naloxone medication in the PDMP will give the State a valuable tool to evaluate the
State’s policies and programs to address overdoses and broadly encourage the use of naloxone to prevent
overdose deaths. The restrictions reflected in the bill for disclosure of naloxone data will preserve patient
and provider confidentiality. Passage of Senate Bill 200 will enhance the ability to comprehensively
address substance use disorders and the escalating incidences of drug overdoses. A favorable report is
requested.

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