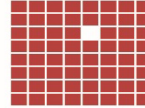




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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 200 – *Public Health – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – Naloxone Medication Data*

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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