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Dear Pharmacists,

IMPORTANT NOTICE

On Saturday, October 15, 2016, new state law will become effective that includes new requirements for prescribers to utilize the Massachusetts Prescription Awareness Tool (MassPAT), the new online Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). We want to ensure that you are aware of the new requirements for **prescribers**.

- A registered individual practitioner **must utilize MassPAT each time the practitioner issues a prescription to a patient** for any narcotic drug in [Schedule II or III](#).
- Prescribers must continue to **check MassPAT the first time they prescribe to a patient a benzodiazepine** or any controlled substance in Scheduled IV or V which the Department has designated in guidance as a drug that is commonly abused and may lead to dependence. At this time, there are no drugs that have received this designation.

If you have not yet registered, please review the information on the [PMP website](#) regarding the registration process.