



SUNSETTING THE OFFICIAL PRESCRIPTION FORM

RECOMMENDED BY THE TEXAS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The Texas Legislature passed legislation in 1981 that created the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) tracking of Schedule II controlled substance (CII) prescriptions by using a triplicate prescription form. This was a paper-driven system that could only be queried via a written request; and

In 1999, the 76th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 254, modifying the Texas Controlled Substance Act to allow DPS to transition from a triplicate prescription form to a single copy Official Prescription Form (OPF); and

Texas is the only state that uses a unique OPF to track CII; and

Effective Sept. 1, 2008, Prescription Access Texas (PAT), the Texas prescription monitoring program, went into effect, tracking all Schedule II-V controlled substances and making the data available online; and

In the last two years, Texas has seen a significant increase in physician prescriptive identity theft; and

In the last two years, there has been a significant increase in the illegal printing and use of counterfeit OPFs; and

Effective Sept. 1, 2016, the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP) is responsible for running and maintaining the Texas prescription monitoring program (PMP Aware); and

The OPF has now outlived its usefulness and is duplicative in function. It now represents a significant hassle for physicians, especially when discharging patients from hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. It also creates additional work for pharmacists and TSBP because it is the same information that is being reported to PMP Aware; therefore

The Texas Medical Association will work with the Texas Legislature to sunset the Official Prescription Form tracking laws.



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**OLD WAY
1981**

Official Prescription Form (OPF)



ONLY CIIs AND ONLY IN TEXAS

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MANUAL REPORTS



EASY TO COUNTERFEIT



TRASH CAN

"ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF TRADITION UNHAMPERED BY PROGRESS"

**MODERN WAY
TSBP 2016**



TEXAS CIII, CIV, and CV



Tamper Resistant Rx

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