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A Bill

SENATE BILL 420

By: Senator Irvin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW INSURANCE CARRIERS TO OBTAIN PRACTITIONER AND DISPENSER INFORMATION MAINTAINED BY THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM; TO ALLOW PRESCRIBER DATA TO BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW INSURANCE CARRIERS TO OBTAIN PRACTITIONER AND DISPENSER INFORMATION MAINTAINED BY THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM; AND TO ALLOW PRESCRIBER DATA TO BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-607(d), concerning the Department of Health's providing prescription monitoring information, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The department may provide patient, prescriber, or dispenser information to public or private entities for statistical, research, or educational purposes after encrypting or removing ~~the~~ any patient's name, street name and number, patient identification number, month and day of birth, and prescriber or dispenser information that could be used to identify individual patients or persons who received prescriptions ~~from dispensers, or~~ both.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-7-607, concerning the Department of Health's providing prescription monitoring information, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e) The department may provide information in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to insurance carriers for the purpose of verifying prescriber or dispenser registration for individuals that are part of the health plan's network of providers.

APPROVED: 03/27/2017