

**124.551A Prescribing practitioner program registration.**

A prescribing practitioner shall register for the program at the same time the prescribing practitioner applies to the board to register or renews registration to prescribe controlled substances as required by the board. Once the prescribing practitioner registers for the program, the prescribing practitioner or the prescribing practitioner's designated agent shall utilize the program database prior to issuing an opioid prescription as prescribed by rules adopted by the prescribing practitioner's licensing board to assist the prescribing practitioner in determining appropriate treatment options and to improve the quality of patient care. A prescribing practitioner shall not be required to utilize the program database to assist in the treatment of a patient receiving inpatient hospice care or long-term residential facility patient care.

[2018 Acts, ch 1138, §4](#)