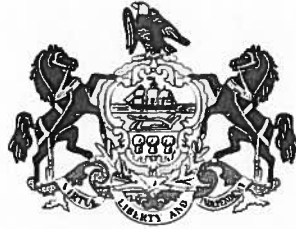


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# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Gene DiGirolamo, Chairman  
House Human Services Committee  
**DATE:** May 23, 2011  
**RE:** Cosponsor Memo

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On June 1<sup>st</sup>, I plan to introduce legislation that creates the "Pennsylvania Electronic Prescription Drug Monitoring Program" which will be housed with the Bureau of Prevention and Intervention within the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. To date, 47 states have passed legislation creating this type of program.

Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs have multiple functions, some of which are as follows: a patient care tool, a tool to uncover drug diversion and an insurance fraud investigative tool. They help prescribers identify drug seeking behavior or "doctor shopping" which can help uncover patients in need of necessary addiction treatment services.

Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs also allow professional licensing boards to identify licensed clinicians with patterns of inappropriate prescribing and dispensing, as well as assist law enforcement in identifying and investigating individuals engaged in the crime of controlled substance diversion.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsorship of this needed legislation, please contact my office at 783-7319 or email Jennifer Korac at [jkorac@pahousegop.com](mailto:jkorac@pahousegop.com) or Pamela Huss at [phuss@pahousegop.com](mailto:phuss@pahousegop.com).