

## ARTICLE XX

## PRESCRIBING

1. Pursuant to Act 820 of 2017, a prescriber who prescribes Schedule drugs shall be required by the Board to register with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and access patient information before writing a prescription for an opioid.
2. A practitioner who fails to access the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program as required is subject to disciplinary action by the Board.
3. PRESCRIBER REQUIREMENTS:
  - a. It is incumbent of dentist to prescribe sufficient but minimal opiate medications. Any prescription for a Scheduled II or III opiate shall not exceed the total maximum manufacturer's recommended daily dose for a total of 7 days administration (7 time the MRDD).
  - b. Patient record must be documented for need of any re-dosing.
  - c. Dentist shall check the information in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program when prescribing:
    - i. An opioid from Schedule II or III for every time prescribing the medication to a patient; and
    - ii. A benzodiazepine medication for the first time prescribing the medication to a patient
  - d. Within the first two (2) years of being granted a license in the state, a prescriber shall obtain a minimum of three (3) hours of prescribing education approved by the board under this section shall include:
    - i. Options for online and in person programs; and
    - ii. Information on prescribing rules, regulations, and laws that apply to individuals who are licensed in Arkansas.
    - iii. Information and instructions on prescribing controlled substances, records keeping and maintain safe and professional boundaries.