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Dear Managing Pharmacist or Dispensing Practitioner:

On June 20, 2011, the State of Hawaii, Department of Public Safety, Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED), entered into a contract to manage the reporting and data collection for the Hawaii Prescription Monitoring Program referred to as the Electronic Prescription Accountability Program (EPAS) with McKesson Corporation and its division RelayHealth. Hawaii Revised Statute (HRS) Chapter 329, Part VIII, Electronic Prescription Accountability Program requires the NED to develop a computerized program to track controlled substance prescriptions for scheduled II, III or IV drugs that are dispensed by a registered Hawaii pharmacy or dispenser.

All dispensers are required to submit data using the ASAP 4.1 reporting format with a seven-day batch reporting cycle; however, we highly encourage dispensers to submit data on a nightly basis when possible. We will begin transitioning the reporting from what previously was direct reporting to NED and you will be getting further instructions from RelayHealth regarding the time frame for reporting data to them.

All out of state pharmacies are required to report all controlled substance sales dispensed in Hawaii. Additionally, if a dispenser has not dispensed any controlled substances for the required time period, the dispenser will be required to submit a zero reporting transmission to RelayHealth.

In the near future, RelayHealth will be sending you more detailed information about the data collection and reporting capabilities. You will also be receiving more information from this office.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and professionalism as we begin this important transition.