

SAMHSA Seeks Comments on NASPER

In a notice published in today's Federal Register, the Substances Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is requesting comments on proposed minimum requirements for Fiscal Year 2011 Grant Applications Under the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act of 2005 (NASPER).

Two provisions are highlighted for comment. One would permit States to authorize one PMP subaccount per prescriber, if permitted by State law. Dispensers would not be permitted to obtain subaccounts. SAMHSA is also proposing as a minimum standard the following threshold: Any individual that has filled six or more controlled substance prescriptions from six different prescribers, or six different dispensers in the State, within a six month period shall be the subject of a report from the prescription drug monitoring program to each prescriber. This higher threshold for unsolicited reporting will reduce the burden to States from what was proposed in 2009. To further mitigate the burden to States for unsolicited reporting to prescribers, SAMHSA also proposes that reports must be sent to at least ten percent of the registered prescribers in the State in one calendar year.

The closing date to submit comments will be May 14, 2010. SAMHSA believes that this limited comment period is necessary and justified to comply with the timelines necessary to announce, submit, review and award grants before the end of the fiscal year, September 30, 2010. The announcement is found at:
<http://www.nascsa.org/news/nasperrfc4.14.10.pdf>.

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