**§7262. Definitions - Article 2**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

**1. Authentication.**  "Authentication" means the process of verifying the identity and credentials of a person before authorizing access to prescription data.

[PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

**2. Authorized.**  "Authorized" means the granting of access privileges to prescription data.

[PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

**3. Bylaws.**  "Bylaws" means those bylaws established by the interstate commission pursuant to section 7268 for its governance or for directing or controlling its actions and conduct.

[PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

**4. Commissioner.**  "Commissioner" means the voting representative appointed by each member state pursuant to section 7266.

[PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

**5. Interstate commission or commission.**  "Interstate commission" or "commission" means the Interstate Prescription Monitoring Program Commission created pursuant to section 7266.

[PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

**6. Member state.**  "Member state" means any state that has adopted a prescription monitoring program and has enacted the enabling compact legislation.

[PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

**7. Practitioner.**  "Practitioner" means a person licensed, registered or otherwise permitted to prescribe or dispense a prescription drug.

[PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

**8. Prescription data.**  "Prescription data" means data transmitted by a prescription monitoring program that contains patient, prescriber, dispenser and prescription drug information.

[PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

**9. Prescription drug.**  "Prescription drug" means any drug required to be reported to a state prescription monitoring program and includes but is not limited to substances listed in the federal Controlled Substances Act.

[PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

**10. Prescription monitoring program.**  "Prescription monitoring program" means a program that collects, manages, analyzes and provides prescription data under the auspices of a state.

[PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

**11. Requestor.**  "Requestor" means a person authorized by a member state who has initiated a request for prescription data.

[PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

**12. Rule.**  "Rule" means a written statement by the interstate commission promulgated pursuant to section 7267 that is of general applicability; implements, interprets or prescribes a policy or provision of the compact; or is an organizational, procedural or practice requirement of the commission and has the force and effect of statutory law in a member state. "Rule" includes the amendment, repeal or suspension of an existing rule.

[PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

**13. State.**  "State" means any state, commonwealth, district or territory of the United States.

[PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

**14. Technology infrastructure.**  "Technology infrastructure" means the design, deployment and use of both individual technology-based components and the systems of such components to facilitate the transmission of information and prescription data among member states.

[PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

**15. Transmission.**  "Transmission" means the release, transfer, provision or disclosure of information or prescription data among member states.

[PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).]

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PL 2011, c. 217, §1 (NEW).

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