
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 728 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY YAW, BREWSTER, WARD, RAFFERTY, BARTOLOTTA, COSTA,
FOLMER, RESCHENTHALER AND VULAKOVICH, MAY 24, 2017

REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MAY 24, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191),
2 entitled "An act providing for prescription drug monitoring;
3 creating the ABC-MAP Board; establishing the Achieving Better
4 Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program; and providing
5 for unlawful acts and penalties," further providing for
6 requirements for prescribers.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 8(a.1) of the act of October 27, 2014
10 (P.L.2911, No.191), known as the Achieving Better Care by
11 Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act, added
12 November 2, 2016 (P.L.980, No.124), is amended to read:

13 Section 8. Requirements for prescribers.

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15 (a.1) Query not required.--

16 (1) If a patient has been admitted to a licensed health
17 care facility or is in observation status in a licensed
18 health care facility, the prescriber does not need to query
19 the system after the initial query under subsection (a)(1) as
20 long as the patient remains admitted to the licensed health

1 care facility or remains in observation status in a licensed
2 health care facility.

3 (2) If a patient has been prescribed a nonnarcotic
4 Schedule V controlled substance, as defined in the act of
5 April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled
6 Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, that treats an
7 epilepsy or seizure disorder, the prescriber does not need to
8 query the system under subsection (a)(1).

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10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.