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PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM

In response to serious public health concerns related to prescription drug abuse in Virginia, the General Assembly has passed legislation establishing a statewide Prescription Monitoring Program. This program collects prescription data for specified drug schedules into a central database, which can then be used by authorized users to promote the appropriate prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances for legitimate medical purposes while deterring the illegitimate use of these drugs.

As of July 8th, 2010 Dr. Chang is an authorized user of this program. Dr. Chang may request information from the Program on all Schedule II-IV prescriptions previously dispensed to a patient in order to establish a treatment history of the patient to assist them in making future treatment decisions.

The information collected in this program is maintained by the Department of Health Professions, and strict security and confidentiality measures are enforced. Only those persons authorized by law can be provided information from the database. Further information about this program can be found at the Department of Health professions website at <u>www.dhp.virginia.gov</u> under the Prescription Monitoring Program link.

I acknowledge receipt of this notice and have had all questions answered.