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Mr Studler and Ms Morris

I wanted to make your office aware of an alternative way to track use of controlled substances by individuals who are "doctor shopping" besides creating a standalone pharmacy board database. I hope I am not out of line by sending this information to you.

Instead of paying the substantial cost for a single purpose pharmacy board database, take advantage of the Ak-eHealth Network. This is intended to tie together into one network all pharmacy prescription data and all doctor/hospital prescriptions and diagnoses and lab test. It is not far enough along in it's development to be used today for tracking controlled substances, but accelerating the development of our eHealth Network is a cost effective way to advance health care in Alaska across the board, while also accomplishing the purpose of this CONTROLLED SUBST. PRESCRIPTION DATABASE bill.

The alternative solution would be to require that by some date in the future, that all pharmacies participate in the eHealth Network. Each pharmacy company/agency would interface their electronic pharmacy software with the eHealth Network system. All their prescriptions would then be automatically copied to the eHealth Network. This solution would accelerate the development of our Alaska eHealth network, which would help improve health care in more ways than just controlling narcotics. It would give our eHealth Network a jumpstart. The pharmacy board could access the prescription data on eHealth network, as could any doctor or pharmacy to review the data for any/all patient/s who might be using multiple sources to obtain narcotics.

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