



South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Prescription Monitoring Program
Bureau of Drug Control
SCRIPTS

SCRIPTS MISSION

SCRIPTS is intended to improve the state's ability to identify and stop diversion of prescription drugs in an efficient and cost effective manner that **will not** impede the appropriate medical utilization of licit controlled substances.

SECTION 44-53-1650

(A) Prescription information submitted to drug control is confidential and not subject to public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act or any other provision of law, except as provided in subsections (C) and (D).

(B) Drug control shall maintain procedures to ensure that the privacy and confidentiality of patients and patient information collected, recorded, transmitted, and maintained is not disclosed, except as provided for in subsections (C) and (D).

(C) If there is reasonable cause to believe a violation of law or breach of professional standards may have occurred, drug control shall notify the appropriate law enforcement or professional licensure, certification, or regulatory agency or entity and shall provide prescription information required for an investigation.

Law Enforcement Access to SCRIPTS

SC Code of Laws SECTION 44-53-1650:

(D) Drug control may provide data in the prescription monitoring program to the following persons:

(4) a local, state, or federal law enforcement or prosecutorial official engaged in the administration, investigation, or enforcement of the laws governing licit drugs and who is involved in a bona fide specific drug related investigation involving a designated person;

DHEC Drug Control Inspectors

- Must have an active pharmacy license in SC
- Must graduate from the SC Criminal Justice Academy
- Statewide Jurisdiction to enforce Controlled Substance Laws
- Full access to SCRIPTS – Patient Report
Prescriber Report
Dispenser Report

Are subject to audit – need to document reasons for all requests



Other law enforcement requesting reports

DEA - Drug Investigators
- Multijurisdictional Task Force

County Sheriff's Deputies

Local police

Office of Inspector General

Attorney General - Medicaid

FBI



Must be “credentialed” prior to any request

Must provide case number and allegation

Credentialing includes:

Verify their employment

Copy of their badge/driver’s license

Sign Privacy Statement/Account agreement



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