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**INDIANA TO INTEGRATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM STATEWIDE**

INDIANAPOLIS— Today at the Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse, Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced that Indiana will begin steps to implement a statewide, comprehensive platform for medical professionals to review patients’ controlled-substance prescription history more quickly and efficiently.

This platform supports Indiana’s Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (INSPECT) and has been successfully implemented in two healthcare systems already. Statewide integration of the INSPECT platform is a key component of Indiana’s ongoing efforts to attack the opioid crisis.

“INSPECT helps healthcare professionals around the state limit the number of controlled-substance prescriptions that contribute to our state’s devastating drug crisis,” Gov. Holcomb said. “I commend Indiana’s Professional Licensing Agency, Board of Pharmacy and Appriss Health for their hard work and partnership to make a statewide platform for INSPECT possible.”

INSPECT collects vital information on the prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances statewide. This information can be used by clinicians and pharmacists at every encounter to inform and educate patients on their prescriptions. INSPECT is proven to reduce “doctor shopping,” fraudulent prescribing, and inappropriate prescription drug use—and to improve the quality of medical care for patients.

INSPECT provides data directly within a patient’s electronic health records. Without INSPECT integration, the process of reviewing a patient’s prescription history requires a separate website and portal—creating a cumbersome and inefficient process for the practitioners who review patients’ records. Once a healthcare organization integrates INSPECT, practitioners need only click a button to view prescription history. Healthcare professionals are then equipped with essential data, tools and resources from the state’s prescription drug monitoring program to address the opioid crisis at the point-of-care.

The Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) began this project in 2016 when it first partnered with Appriss Health to examine how to make INSPECT data more effective and accessible for healthcare practitioners. In the year that followed, IPLA partnered with Kroger Pharmacy to introduce the program into its pharmacy software. Most recently, Deaconess Midtown in Evansville became the first hospital in the state to integrate its electronic health records with INSPECT data. The response from both has been overwhelmingly positive, as physicians and pharmacists alike have praised the ease of use and efficiency of the new model.

“We are honored to work with the Governor, Appriss Health and our community healthcare partners on statewide integration. Every practitioner and dispenser should have access to this program, as it can be a vital tool for addressing opioid abuse and misuse.” said Deborah Frye, Executive Director of the Indiana Professional

Licensing Agency. “The IPLA and the state of Indiana hope this new PDMP advancement will improve the health and safety of patients and serve as a resource to prescribers and dispensers in the coming years.”

To access the application to integrate your healthcare organization or learn more about the INSPECT program, please visit the IPLA website at [INSPECT/pla.in.gov](https://inspect.pla.in.gov). To find out more about Appriss Health, visit [apprisshealth.com](https://apprisshealth.com).

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