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## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE ARKANSAS PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM**

The proposed amendment changes from weekly to daily reporting by dispensers of controlled substances to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Page 7, Section IV(f)(3).

This change will provide more timely information for users of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs of thirty three other states are currently utilizing daily reporting.

The Rules also specify that Veterinarians only have to report every thirty days.

The additional cost (\$54,050 per year for two years) will be funded by a CDC Prescription Drug Monitoring Enhancement Grant.