

To: RPP Participants
From: Tia Cooper, Program Director
RE: SC PMP Aware Reporting Options
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As you may remember, the South Carolina Recovering Professional Program (RPP) asks prospective participants to complete a DHEC confidentiality release (DHEC release) and a DHEC Prescription Monitoring Consent form (DHEC consent) during the intake process. As staff and RPP policy changes, participants may be asked to execute an updated form.¹

The DHEC consent allows RPP's medical director (and her designees) to run a search through the South Carolina prescription monitoring program system known as SCRIPTS (South Carolina Reporting and Identification Prescription Tracking System). SCRIPTS allows RPP to confirm information concerning controlled substances that a participant has had filled within a specified time frame, as well as the prescriber who prescribed them and dispenser/pharmacy which filled them. **The SCRIPTS system allows RPP to confirm a participant's controlled prescription history within South Carolina, across much of the Southeast, and in many other states across the United States.** RPP's policy is to conduct a SCRIPTS search over the past four years at intake and generally twice a year while actively monitoring. A SCRIPTS search may be conducted on a more frequent basis for good cause shown.

The SCRIPTS search is conducted with a participant's express permission. Given the sensitive nature of this information, a participant must personally appear before Dr. Rebecca Payne, RPP's medical director, or a designee, so that the prospective participant's identity may be confirmed. If the intake process is not completed in person, the prospective or current participant may produce a copy of his/her driver's license to verify his/her identity. RPP requires a DHEC release so that RPP can deliver a copy of the signed copy of the DHEC consent to a DHEC designee. The DHEC designee maintains each form in a **confidential file** for the **sole purpose** of ensuring that RPP staff obtain permission before running a SCRIPTS report. RPP has received confirmation that this information is not used for any other purpose.

Prospective participants will also be asked to provide a pharmacy print out detailing all medications prescribed within the past twelve months. Collectively, this information is used to ensure a proper referral. Current participants are subject to the RPP abstinence policy and required to produce copies of their prescriptions to their assigned recovery specialist pursuant to RPP policy. For more information, please contact your assigned recovery specialist.

¹ The term participants loosely refers to both prospective participants and current participants unless otherwise specifically noted.