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## ILPMP Rule Amendments to 77 Illinois Administrative Code 2080 Adopted

Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program amendments to 77 Illinois Administrative Code 2080 have been adopted effective October 8, 2024. Click [here](#) to view updated Rule.

### ILPMP to implement new process

On October 25, 2024, Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) published the adopted Rule regarding the process which **Public Act 103-0477**, Section 316.1, shall be implemented. **Adopted Rule**

The ILPMP is working to finalize the Data Sharing Agreements for Integration Vendors and the Memorandum of Understanding for the Healthcare Organizations. Once these documents have been finalized, a more detailed announcement will be published.

## Telemedicine Flexibilities on Prescriptions of Controlled Substances to Expire December 2024



Anticipated guidance from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has been noted as the Office of Information and Regulation Affairs - Office of Management and Budget (OMB) posted a proposed Rule review on October 10, 2024, named "Third Temporary Extension of COVID-19 Telemedicine Flexibilities for Prescription of Controlled Medications". Any new Rule has to complete this review by OMB before it can be published in the Federal Register. This final rule would be an additional extension of COVID-19 flexibilities for telemedicine prescribing of controlled substances, beyond the current expiration date of December 31, 2024.

[More Information](#)

## Illinois Medicaid Not Requiring Prior Authorization for Buprenorphine Prescriptions Per Public Act 103-1040

The Illinois Department of Health and Family Services (HFS) **has issued a notice** to remind healthcare prescribers and pharmacies that buprenorphine no longer requires a prior authorization for age or dosage. This policy applies to the Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) program and managed care organizations (MCOs).

This departmental change was instituted due to a new law that removes prior authorization requirements for higher doses of buprenorphine for treating substance use disorder (SUD). It also protects a physician's freedom to prescribe controlled substances as they determine appropriate and most beneficial to their patients.

[Click to review Public Act 103-1040](#)

## Educational Resources

### **Emerging Substances of Misuse**

There are numerous concerning substances of misuse becoming more frequently encountered in Illinois. This short animated video briefly discusses these agents, their effects, and potential risks. Brought to you by the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy and the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program.

# Xylazine (Rompun)



Referred to as "tranq" or "zombie"  
Cutting agent for heroin or fentanyl



Sedative used in veterinary medicine  
Centrally-acting alpha-2 agonist  
Norepinephrine reuptake inhibition

## "Tranq", also known for Xylazine, was found in over 450 drug overdose deaths in Illinois between 2022-2023, with increases in deaths every 6 months.

Xylazine, a non-opioid sedative commonly used in veterinary medicine, has become increasingly prevalent in the unregulated drug supply in the United States. According to the October 2022 Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Joint Intelligence Report, xylazine was first noted as an adulterant in Puerto Rico in the early 2000s through DEA reporting and laboratory analysis. Around a decade later, xylazine was documented as a drug of abuse on its own, which has continued to present.

Medetomidine, is also a non-opioid sedative utilized in veterinary medicine, that has been found as a new adulterant in the drug supply in Illinois, particularly in Chicago. It is similar to xylazine; however, it is considered more

Know what's in your drugs

### TRANQ

Veterinary tranquilizers that are cut in dope to give fentanyl longer legs. It's known as "anestesia de caballo" in Puerto Rico and "tranq" in Chicago.



Tranq was found in over **450 drug overdose deaths** in Illinois between 2022-2023, with increases in deaths every 6 months.



When tranq is mixed with another drug (like fentanyl, heroin, or a benzo), the **chance of overdose increases**. If someone is overdosing, **administer naloxone** like you normally would. If the person starts breathing again but is still sedated, they don't need more naloxone. Put them in rescue position and keep an eye on them.



Tranq has been associated with severe wounds, which spread and worsen very quickly.



**These wounds are seen regardless of how people use:** smoking, snorting, or injecting. It's very difficult for these wounds to heal on their own so it is important to get medical attention if you have one.

### What can you do if you think there is tranq in your dope?



Carry naloxone



Start low and go slow



Tell someone you're using

First, try to ask around and see how the drug is making other people feel before you buy or use it. Since tranq can cause a really heavy nod, try to use somewhere that you will be safe and won't fall and hurt yourself. Finally, if you think there is tranq in your dope let others know—including someone at your local exchange program—so folks know to be careful.

Help is here

833-234-6343  
HelplineIL.org

Never Use Alone  
English hotline: 800-484-3731  
Spanish hotline: 800-928-5330

The Brave App  
Download in the app store

The Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery created this flyer specifically for people who use drugs.

**Please print and share with your patients,**

potent. It has no approved use in humans. Multiple drug samples collected from the West Side of Chicago on May 11, 2024, tested positive for elevated levels of medetomidine.

Click button below for more information ...

**Veterinary Tranquilizers Provider Education**

clients, and peers.

**Patient Tranq Flyer**

# ILPMP Fall Conference Schedule

OCTOBER 28 - 31, 2024

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AUTHORITIES  
CONFERENCE  
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

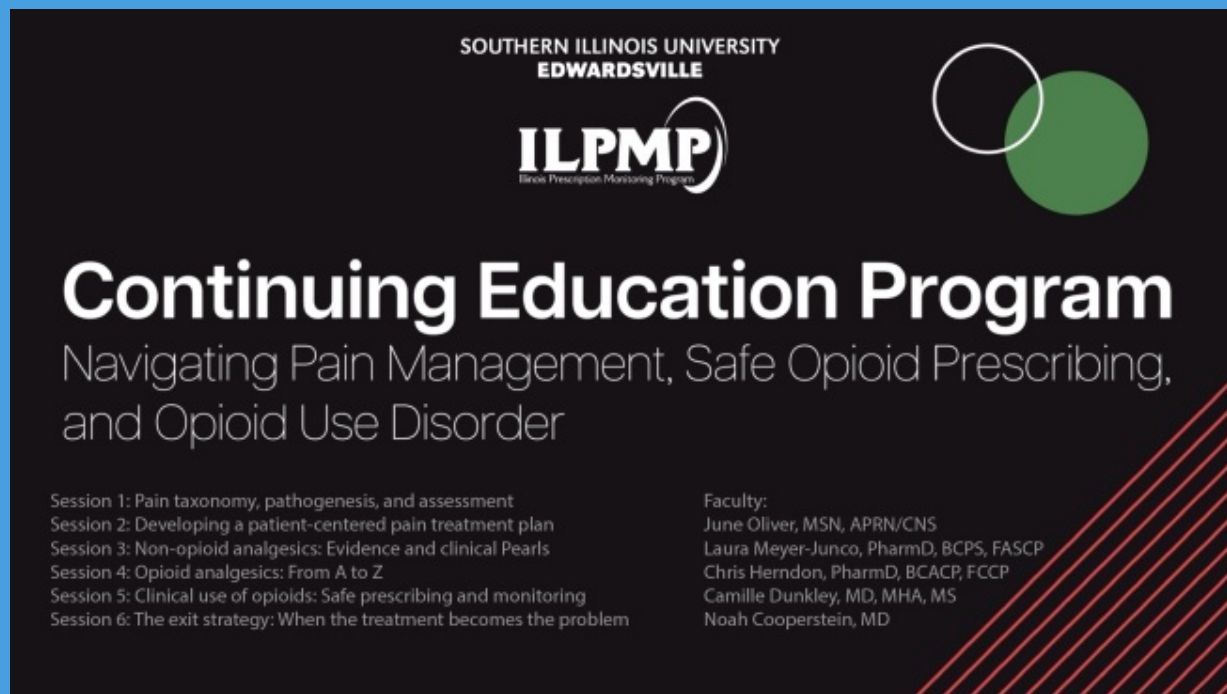




Megan Conant (left) and Jackie DeNardo (right), both IL PMPnow Coordinators, are pictured at the 22nd Annual APRN Midwest Conference that took place on October 18, 2024, in Lisle, Illinois.

# Navigating Pain Management, Safe Opioid Prescribing, and Opioid Use Disorder

A three-hour program designed to meet the educational needs for physicians, nurses, and pharmacists. The program is accredited in 6, 30-minute modules.



The banner features the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville logo at the top left, the ILPMP logo (Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program) in the center, and a graphic of two overlapping circles (one white, one green) on the right. The main title is 'Continuing Education Program' in large white font, followed by the subtitle 'Navigating Pain Management, Safe Opioid Prescribing, and Opioid Use Disorder'. Below this, a list of six sessions is provided on the left, and a list of faculty members is on the right. The bottom right corner of the banner has a decorative pattern of red diagonal lines.

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## Continuing Education Program

Navigating Pain Management, Safe Opioid Prescribing,  
and Opioid Use Disorder

Session 1: Pain taxonomy, pathogenesis, and assessment  
Session 2: Developing a patient-centered pain treatment plan  
Session 3: Non-opioid analgesics: Evidence and clinical Pearls  
Session 4: Opioid analgesics: From A to Z  
Session 5: Clinical use of opioids: Safe prescribing and monitoring  
Session 6: The exit strategy: When the treatment becomes the problem

Faculty:  
June Oliver, MSN, APRN/CNS  
Laura Meyer-Junco, PharmD, BCPS, FASCP  
Chris Herndon, PharmD, BCACP, FCCP  
Camille Dunkley, MD, MHA, MS  
Noah Cooperstein, MD

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[Pharmacist Register](#)

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*The Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program (ILPMP) is an electronic database that collects, tracks, and stores reported dispensing data on Schedule II-V controlled substances, selected drugs of interest, and other health information. The Illinois Department of Human Services oversees the ILPMP, authorized by the Illinois Controlled Substances Act (720 ILCS 570/316). The ILPMP adheres to HIPAA and all access, disclosure, and confidentiality provisions of Illinois Law.*

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