

(b) The Commissioner of Health, after consultation with the Board of Pharmacy, retail pharmacists, and the Controlled Substances and Pain Management Advisory Council, shall adopt rules regarding the circumstances in which dispensers ~~who are not also prescribers~~ shall query the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System, which shall include:

- (1) prior to dispensing a prescription for a Schedule II, III, or IV **opioid** controlled substance to a patient who is new to the pharmacy;
- (2) when an individual **pays** for a prescription for a Schedule II, III, or IV **opioid** controlled substance without application of his or her public or private health coverage ;
- (3) when a patient requests a refill of a prescription for a Schedule II, III, or IV **opioid** controlled substance substantially in advance of when a refill would ordinarily be due; or
- (4) when the dispenser is aware that the patient is being prescribed Schedule II, III, or IV **opioid** controlled substances by more than one prescriber.

(5) exceptions for dispensers dispensing a Schedule II, III, or IV **opioid** controlled substance adequate to treat the patient for 48 hours or fewer.