

ESHB 2876 Requires that:

1. All opioid prescribers follow established medical expert guidelines for best practice pain care.
2. All patients' physical and emotional functioning be monitored and show improvement in order to continue on long term opioid treatment.
3. All providers evaluate individual patient risks and measure specific medical, psychosocial, and addiction problems that may occur with long term opioid use.
4. All patients be given and abide by an informed consent pain treatment agreement when they are prescribed opioids long-term.
5. All patients agree to an individualized schedule for periodic urine drug monitoring
6. All patients be referred to pain specialists if opioid doses exceed defined thresholds and pain and function are not improved and/or special risks are present.
7. Telephone, e-mail, and tele-video consultations conducted between a patient's provider and pain specialist be considered an adequate consultation when medically appropriate.
8. All providers periodically review available Emergency Department information exchanges and Statewide Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs.