NEW OPIATE CONTROL BILL
HB 21

HOW TO COMPLY

AS OF JULY 1, 2018:

MANDATORY 2 HOUR CME: Every Florida physician who has a DEA license must take a two-hour course, approved by the Board of Medicine, on responsible prescribing of controlled substances. This course must be taken by January 31, 2019 and every biennium thereafter.

MANDATORY CHECKING OF THE PDMP: Physicians must check the PDMP before prescribing ANY controlled substance (not just opiates) other than a Schedule V non-opiate.
- If the PDMP is non-operational, the physician must document AND limit any prescription to three days.

OPIATE PRESCRIPTION LIMITS:
- 3 days of Schedule II opiates for Acute Pain (caused by injury, illness, or surgery). May be increased to 7 days if physician documents AND writes on prescription “Acute Pain Exception.” 14 days of Schedule III opiates.
- Exceptions:
  - Palliative Care
  - Cancer-Related Pain
  - Terminal Conditions
  - Traumatic Injuries with an Injury Severity Score of at least 9 (e.g., broken femur).
- Prescriptions for Non-Acute Pain must include a notation “Non-Acute Pain” in order to receive more than the seven-day allowance.

The Florida Chapter ACP is happy to announce the course will be offered during its’ Annual Scientific Meeting scheduled for September 7-9, 2018 at the Grand Hyatt on Tampa Bay.
(This course is provided courtesy of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association and has been approved by both the Board of Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Medicine).