Georgia law and mandatory PDMP enrollment

Just a reminder that by Jan. 1, 2018, every prescriber in Georgia who has a DEA registration number was required to enroll as a PDMP user. If a prescriber obtains a DEA license after Jan. 1, 2018, they must enroll with the PDMP within 30 days. If you have not already enrolled, click here to register.

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