



Idaho State Board of Pharmacy

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Dear Pharmacy Manager or Business Owner:

The Idaho State Board of Pharmacy is sending this letter to notify you of Senate Bill 1309. This bill requires all pharmacies and retailers in the state of Idaho that sell **over the counter** cold and allergy medications containing pseudoephedrine (PSE) to participate in a statewide, real-time electronic PSE monitoring program for the purpose of tracking illegal PSE purchases.

In compliance with SB 1309, the state of Idaho has joined the National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLEx). As part of our project launching May 24, 2012 the technology provider, Appriss, will provide a web-accessed database and access licenses, at no charge to pharmacies and retailers in the state. Pursuant to the Combat Methamphetamine Act of 2005 (CMEA), pharmacies and retailers are currently required to capture certain data regarding PSE sales. The NPLEx system enables pharmacies and retailers to easily enter the same PSE sales data currently being gathered online rather than recording the information into a manual log or in-store computers system. Data will be stored in a secure, central repository that treats the data collected as if it were HIPAA data. Furthermore, the collected data will be viewable by law enforcement in keeping with CMEA and SB 1309.

To secure your sales information, only your pharmacy will be able to inquire and view your sales data. As part of this project, pharmacies will be provided access licenses and system training at no cost to the pharmacy. NPLEx will assist pharmacies by speeding up the logging and maintenance of purchases/sales information. For law enforcement, NPLEx will provide real-time access to view PSE purchases and will computerize tracking and investigative reporting information. The Idaho State Board of Pharmacy encourages all pharmacies and retailers in the state to begin using this system by September 18, 2012 (or sooner) to ensure compliance with the new electronic reporting requirements that become effective July 1, 2012.

To use NPLEx, your business needs only an internet connected computer with a standard web browser. If your store does not sell any over the counter cold and allergy medicine that contain PSE as the active ingredient, or your store is already using NPLEx, there is nothing more you need to do. However, if your store or pharmacy sells PSE over the counter, you will need to register for an account. Please have only one manager or pharmacist in charge follow the steps below to request a store account:

Executive Director: Mark Johnston, R.Ph.



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- Go to nplex.appriss.com
- Click on the "Register a New Store" link on the right under the login box
- At the top of the next form choose Pharmacy or Non-Pharmacy from the drop down box
- Fill out the required information for your store type and click Submit
 - Please confirm that the email address is valid
 - Please note that if you have more than one store, you must use a unique email address for each store, email address cannot be associated with more than one store account

Shortly after you register for your store account, you will receive an email message to the email address provided during registration. This email will provide you with the next steps to set up a user account. The registration needs to be completed by August 1, 2012, in order to comply with the new reporting requirements by September 18, 2012. Some email systems may send this email to your SPAM folder. Please check this folder if you do not see it in your email inbox. If you do not receive an email within a week of registering, please contact our Implementation Support at IDNPLEx@appriss.com or 1-855-376-7539.

After you have registered for your store account, you may want to attend a web-based training. During this training session, Appriss will perform a live demonstration of NPLeX, train you on how to use the application, and answer any questions about the service. Trainings will be held every Tuesday from 9:00AM MST to 10:00AM MST and every Thursday from 2:00PM MST to 3:00PM MST, except for holidays. You can access the webinar at <https://apprissuniversity.appriss.com/nplex/>. Please log in as a "Guest", you do not need a user name or password for the training session. Once you have logged in as a guest, you may enter your name or the pharmacy you represent. For the audio portion of this training, dial **1(888)947-3988** and enter Conference Code **895749**.

You may contact the Appriss Implementation Team at 1-855-376-7539 Mon-Fri, 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM MST or by email at IDNPLEx@appriss.com with questions related to account login issues and/or other general questions.

Additional Information:

Optional Scanner: The NPLeX retail web portal does not require any scanner hardware. However, pharmacies interested in further enhancing their workflow have the option of purchasing a scanner that will scan 2D Driver's License, product UPC, and capture signature. The state of Idaho does **NOT** require scanners to participate in NPLeX. If your pharmacy is



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interested in obtaining more information on a scanner or have additional questions, please email IDNPLEx@appriss.com.

Point-of-Sale Integration: Appriss the software provider of NPLEx, has also completed or is in the process of developing integrations with several point-of-sale (POS) vendors. By integrating with the POS software, transactions can be submitted directly to NPLEx from your POS system instead of using the NPLEx retail web portal. For additional information on whether your POS system can be integrated with NPLEx, please have your POS vendor contact Appriss at IDNPLEx@appriss.com.

This project is sponsored by the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators. Again there is no charge to your pharmacy for participating in the project or using the NPLEx retail web portal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Johnston".

Mark Johnston, R.Ph.
Executive Director