

Mandatory INSPECT

SEA 221 (Effective July 1, 2018)

Requires checking INSPECT each time before prescribing an opioid or benzodiazepine to any patient

Effective date depends on situation:

- Applies 7/1/2018 for practitioners with INSPECT integrated into EMR
- Applies 1/1/2019 for practitioners providing services in
 - The ER; or
 - A pain management clinic (a facility that primarily engages in the treatment of pain or pain management through prescribing controlled substances)
- Applies 1/1/2020 to practitioners providing services in a hospital
- Applies 1/1/2021 to all practitioners

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Exceptions to checking INSPECT each time:

- For patients subject to a pain management contract – practitioner is not required to check INSPECT more than once every 90 days
- Practitioners who obtain a waiver from the licensing board because the practitioner does not have access to the Internet at the practitioner's office

Note: no specific exceptions for hospice, palliative care, or LTC patients