



INSPECT Requirements for Prescriber Delegates

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The Indiana Scheduled Prescription Collection and Tracking (“INSPECT”) program is an online tool that maintains a clearinghouse of patient information for health care professionals. The INSPECT database limits access to certain individuals and entities including the following: health care professionals who are licensed to prescribe or dispense controlled substances in the United States; law enforcement professionals for investigation purposes; the Indiana Attorney General’s Office, licensing boards; and prescriber delegates.^[1]

INSPECT currently allows each prescriber to have up to 10 prescriber delegates. Similarly, each prescriber delegate may only delegate for a maximum of 10 prescribers. In order to be a prescriber delegate, an individual must first create an account and [apply](#) to be a prescriber delegate. A prescriber delegate does not have to be a licensed health care professional. Through the registration process, the applicant may select either “Prescriber Delegate-Unlicensed” or “Prescriber Delegate-Licensed.”

Only prescriber delegates “approved and supervised by a registered prescriber to make patient requests on behalf of said supervisor” may be granted INSPECT access. ^[2] Once approved as a prescriber delegate, the delegate may check INSPECT program requirements on behalf of the practitioner.^[3] Certain practitioners are required to check INSPECT before prescribing an opioid or a benzodiazepine to a patient. Specifically, these prescribing requirements apply to^[4]:

- A practitioner who provides services to a patient in an emergency department of a hospital or a pain management clinic;
- Effective January 1, 2020, a practitioner who provides services to a patient in a hospital; and
- Effective January 1, 2021, all practitioners prescribing an opioid or a benzodiazepine to a patient.

Practitioners and prescriber delegates should regularly review the INSPECT statutory requirements, found within the [Indiana Code](#).

In addition to information on prescriber delegates, health care professionals and organizations may be interested in a free service that the State of Indiana provides for integration of INSPECT data into a health care provider’s electronic medical records (EMR) system. To register your health care facility for the INSPECT Integration Initiative, please click [here](#).

For more information regarding INSPECT regulations and reporting requirements, please visit the INSPECT website by clicking [here](#). If you or your health care organization have questions regarding prescriber delegates or any other questions about INSPECT, please contact [Stacy Walton Long](#), [Alexandria M. Foster](#), or any other Krieg DeVault attorney in the Health Care Practice Group.

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[1] See INSPECT/FAQs at <https://www.in.gov/pla/inspect/2371.htm>.

[2] *Id.*

[3] IC 35-38-7-11.1(o).

[4] See <http://iga.in.gov/static-documents/8/7/9/a/879a0ea2/SB0221.04.ENRH.pdf>.