



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

February 14, 2014

Dear Pharmacy Manager or Business Owner:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health is sending this letter to notify you of Act 53 of 2013. This law requires all pharmacies and retailers in the state of Pennsylvania that sell ***over the counter*** cold and allergy medications containing ephedrine and/or pseudoephedrine (PSE) to participate in a statewide, real-time electronic PSE monitoring program for the purpose of tracking illegal PSE purchases.

In order to comply with Act 53, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has joined the National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLEx). Pharmacies and retailers in the commonwealth will be provided at no charge to them access to a web-based database provided by Appriss, that will enable them to enter PSE sales data currently being gathered pursuant to the federal Combat Methamphetamine Act of 2005 (CMEA) rather than recording the information into a manual log or in-store computers system. The collected data will be viewable by law enforcement in keeping with CMEA and Act 53.

For your security, only your pharmacy will be able to inquire and view your sales data. Under Act 53, pharmacies will be provided access licenses and system training at no cost to the pharmacy. The Pennsylvania Department of Health encourages all pharmacies and retailers in the state to begin using this system by March 14, 2014, (or sooner) to ensure compliance with the new electronic reporting requirements by April 5, 2014, at which time participation will be mandatory. Attached to this letter are instructions to get your pharmacy or business registered with an NPLEx account.

If you have questions or concerns related to the use of the NPLEx system, please feel free to contact the Appriss Implementation Team at 855-675-3972, Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST or by email at PANPLEx@appriss.com. If you have questions or concerns for the Department of Health, please contact my office at 717-787-4525. Thank you in advance for your assistance implementing Act 53. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Wolf".

Michael Wolf