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Dear Pharmacy Manager:

The Indiana Sheriffs' Association (ISA), in partnership with the Indiana State Police (ISP), is sending this letter to notify you of SEA No. 503. This bill requires all pharmacies and retailers in the state of Indiana 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 compliance with SEA No. 503, the state of Indiana has joined the National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLEx). As part of our project launching July 1st, 2011, the technology provider, Appriss, will provide a web-accessed database at no charge to pharmacies and retailers in the state. Pursuant to the Combat Methamphetamine Act of 2005, 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 computer 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 SEA No. 503.

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 purchase/sales information. For law enforcement, NPLEx will provide real-time access to view PSE purchases and will computerize tracking and investigative reporting information. ISA encourages all pharmacies and retailers in the state to begin using this system by **October 4th, 2011** (or sooner) to ensure compliance with the new electronic reporting requirements by **January 1st 2012**, at which time participation will be mandatory.

Appriss will provide training sessions for all pharmacies located throughout the state during the launching of this project. Members from either the Indiana Sheriffs' Association or Appriss will be contacting you within the next few weeks to provide you with access to NPLEx and to discuss integration, training and any other related questions. **If your pharmacy does not sell PSE products or your pharmacy only administers PSE products by prescription, please notify Appriss by email at INNPLEx@appriss.com.** Be sure to include your pharmacy contact information and state license number. We look forward to partnering with you on this important effort.

Sincerely,



Stephen P. Luce
Executive Director
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