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Dear Provider,

We are writing to extend an invitation to receive free continuing medication education on how to navigate the complexities of the opioid crisis.

While fatal overdoses have decreased in Pennsylvania from 2017 to 2018 by 18%, the prescription opioid and heroin epidemic continues to be the worst public health crisis we face in the Commonwealth. In 2018, 12 people in Pennsylvania died of a drug-related overdose each day.

In an effort to empower medical professionals to identify patients struggling with addictions, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) has created education and tools to promote evidence-based prescribing. Since 2018, Quality Insights has partnered with the DOH to provide more than 100 learning sessions across health systems, private practices and stakeholder organizations on topics including:

- Module 1: Why Using the PDMP is Important for Achieving Optimal Health (online only)
- Module 2: How to Integrate the Use of the PDMP into the Workflow to Make Clinical Decisions
- Module 3: Using the PDMP to Optimize Pain Management
- Module 4: Opioid Prescribing Guidelines
- Module 5: Referral to Treatment for Substance Use Disorder Related to Opioid Use
- Module 6: Approaches to Address Patients' Substance Use Disorder
- Module 7: Effective Opioid Tapering Practices

The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine has designated each module for *a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. The University of Pittsburgh is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution. Learning modules meet continuing education licensing and relicensing requirements for eligible participants as outlined below:

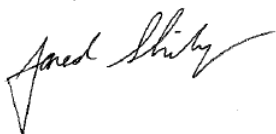
Act 124 Pain Management:	Act 124 Prescribing Practices for Opioids:	Act 124 Identification of Addiction:	Patient Safety/Risk Management:
Module 3	Modules 4 and 7	Modules 5 and 6	Modules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

**Please note that a participant cannot use one module to meet both Act 124 & Patient Safety requirements*

In the following weeks, representatives from Quality Insights will contact your organization to schedule and coordinate in-person or virtual training(s) that are tailored to your needs.

We ask for your consideration and prioritization of this opportunity and thank you for your dedication to improving the health, safety and well-being of Pennsylvanians. If you have any questions, please contact a Quality Insights representative at pdmpeducation@qualityinsights.org.

Sincerely,



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