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Dear Client:

New York State Public Health Law requires most prescribers of controlled substances to consult New York State's online Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Registry through the Health Commerce System (HCS) when writing prescriptions for certain controlled substances. The PMP Registry provides practitioners with direct, secure access to view dispensed controlled substance prescription histories for their patients. Please note other states have similar databases which may also be accessed if necessary.

Columbia County Mental Health Center prescribers are required to access the PMP Registry prior to writing any prescription for a controlled substance for their clients. This is part of the assessment process and will allow the prescriber to better evaluate an individual's medication treatment plan. The PMP Registry may also be accessed periodically throughout the client's treatment process.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this initiative. If you have any questions about the PMP and this policy, please ask a member of the clinic's nursing staff.

Sincerely,

Daniel S. Almasi, LCSW-R
Director of Clinical Services

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