

## Rule Changes Effective July 13, 2020

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### RULE CHANGES ADOPTED

#### CHAPTER 170. PAIN MANAGEMENT

Amends the title of 22 TAC Chapter 170 to "Prescription of Controlled Substances."

The amendments to **§170.2**, concerning Definitions, amends the definitions of "acute pain," "chronic pain," and adds a new definition for "post-surgical, post-procedure, persistent non-chronic pain."

The amendments to **§170.3**, concerning Minimum Requirements for the Treatment of Chronic Pain, requires a review of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) prior to the issuance of a prescription for opioids, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and carisoprodol.

New **Subchapter C, §170.9**, Prescription Monitoring Program Check, clarifies when and under what circumstances a physician is required to check the PMP before issuing certain controlled substances.