

Nevada law aims to tackle opioid epidemic

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Doctors have additional protocols to consider when writing and maintaining opioid prescriptions under a new law that took effect on New Year's Day.

The Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Act, passed by the 2017 Legislature, outlines safeguards for doctors before they prescribe controlled substances to treat pain and increases requirements necessary to continue a prescription after one month, three months and a year.

The additional paperwork is meant to curb the state's opioid overdose problem and track down doctors who overprescribe.

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