



# Colorado's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – 2014 and Beyond

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# Questions

- By what date are all Colorado-licensed pharmacists required to register a user-account with the Colorado Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) ?
- True or False: Once a pharmacist or prescribing practitioner registers a user account with the PDMP, he or she is required to utilize the PDMP when prescribing or dispensing controlled substance prescriptions.



# What is the PDMP?

- Secure Database of controlled substance prescriptions dispensed by in-state and nonresident pharmacies registered with the Colorado State Board of Pharmacy (“Board”).
- Currently, data is uploaded into the PDMP by pharmacies twice monthly (by the 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of every month).
- However, the frequency of uploading is likely to change to daily starting in October 2014.

# What's the Purpose?

- To provide prescribing practitioners and pharmacists with objective information in order to make a more informed decision when considering prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance to a patient.

# HISTORY

- 2005 Authorized in Law
- 2006 Federal Grant Received for Implementation
- 2007 Pharmacies began uploading data
- 2008 PDMP went “live” to users
- 2011 Reauthorized in law until 2021 during legislative session
- 2012 Relocated to Title 12, Article 42.5, C.R.S. with entire Pharmacy Practice Act
- Aug 2012 Vender transition
- June 2013 CO PDMP went “live” with interstate sharing of data
- May 2014 Law signed by Governor to further enhance the PDMP in an effort to reduce prescription drug abuse

# What does this May 2014 Law do?

- Mandatory PDMP Registration for all CO DEA-registered Prescribing Practitioners & all CO Pharmacists;
- Allows PDMP-registered Prescribing Practitioners & Pharmacists to delegate access on their behalf
- Allows the PDMP to send Unsolicited Reports (“Push Notices”) to affected Prescribing Practitioners and Pharmacies;
- As with out-of-state prescribing practitioners in the past, it now allows out-of-state pharmacists to obtain patient information from the PDMP;

# What does this May 2014 Law do?

- Allows all Federally-owned/operated Pharmacies to Submit Controlled Substance Dispensing Data to the CO PDMP
- Expands Subpoena Authority to Law Enforcement to now include a Pharmacy's PDMP records (and not just for a specific patient or a prescribing practitioner)
- Provides CDPHE access for public health purposes
- Creation of a PDMP Taskforce – to further study the effectiveness of the PDMP

# What does this law mean to you?

- Phasing-in Mandatory PDMP Registration by Profession:
  - By SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> – all Board-registered Pharmacists & DEA-registered Advanced Practice Nurses with Prescriptive Authority
  - By OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> – all DEA-registered Dentists, Veterinarians, Optometrists & Podiatrists
  - By NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> – all DEA-registered Medical Board licensees

# What does this law mean to you?

- September 2014 – “Push Notices” will start being sent to all affected prescribing practitioners and pharmacies directly involved with a patient that met the threshold for reporting; and
- On January 1, 2015 – all PDMP registered prescribing practitioners and pharmacists may delegate access to the PDMP for up to 3 persons by way of Sub-Accounts under prescribing practitioners or pharmacists.

# What does the PDMP law NOT do?

- Mandatory PDMP Use.
- Mandatory PDMP Delegated Access
- Requires you to act on a “Push Notice” should you receive one.
- Provide Law Enforcement direct access to the PDMP.

# MORE INFORMATION

- Much enhanced PDMP interface coming in 2014
- Educational outreach – brochures, videos
- Daily uploading by all pharmacies (October 2014 should the Pharmacy Board approve)
- Web address: <http://www.hidinc.com/copdmp>
- Questions regarding access, how to best pull a query, or other items may be directed to Colorado PDMP staff at 303-894-5957, or via e-mail to [pdmpinqr@state.co.us](mailto:pdmpinqr@state.co.us)

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