

# NH Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

## Revised FACT SHEET

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### What is the PDMP (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program)?

The Controlled Drug Prescription Health and Safety Program (NH PDMP) - Section 318-B: 31-41 was passed into law in June 2012, with subsequent changes made over the last eight years. The NH PDMP is a web-based data system that contains information on controlled prescription medications dispensed by New Hampshire licensed retail pharmacies and other dispensers. New Hampshire is contracted with APPRISS – PMP AWARe Prescription Monitoring Program to provide this service.

Dispensers are required by law to submit data **daily by the close of business on the next business day from the date the prescription was dispensed** for all Schedule II-IV controlled substances dispensed with the exception of **veterinarian dispensers who are required to submit data no more than (7) days from the date the prescription was dispensed.**

### Goals of the NH PDMP:

To provide New Hampshire licensed prescribers and dispensers a valuable tool to:

- improve clinical decision making and patient care through management of patient health and prescriptions
- to promote public health and safety through the prevention and treatment for misuse of controlled substances
- and to assist in the reduction of the diversion of controlled substances.

### How does it work?

Authorized system users can logon to the PDMP web-based system and request a report of the controlled substance medications dispensed to their patients. The patient report is a line list of prescriptions dispensed. Prescription records include information on the dispenser, prescriber and name and quantity of drug.

### What is the purpose?

The primary purpose of the PDMP is to provide prescribers and dispensers a tool to improve patient health care. These medications can place patients at risk for overdose, side effects, increased effect when combined with alcohol and/or other drugs, and risk for developing patterns of drug misuse. The PDMP provides prescribers and dispensers a means to identify and address these problems.

### Who needs to register?

All prescribers and dispensers authorized to prescribe or dispense schedule II-IV controlled substances **within the state** shall be required to register with the program as follows:

- (a) Practitioners who prescribe but do not dispense schedule II-IV controlled substances shall register with the program as a prescriber;
- (b) Practitioners who dispense but do not prescribe schedule II-IV controlled substances shall register with the program as a dispenser unless exempted pursuant to RSA 318-B:31, IV; and
- (c) Practitioners who prescribe and dispense schedule II-IV controlled substances shall register with the program as both a prescriber and a dispenser unless exempted pursuant to RSA 318-B:31, IV

***NOTE: Practitioners (other than pharmacists) must have a DEA# attributed to their NH license number in order to register with the NH PDMP.***

### What is a dispenser?

“Dispenser” means a person or entity that is lawfully authorized to deliver a schedule II-IV controlled substance, **but does not include:**

- (a) A wholesale distributor of a schedule II-IV controlled substance or its analog;
- (b) A licensed hospital pharmacy that dispenses less than a 48-hour supply of a schedule II-IV controlled substance from a hospital emergency department;
- (c) A licensed hospital pharmacy that dispenses for administration in the hospital;
- (d) A practitioner, or other authorized person who administers such a substance; [or]
- (e) A veterinarian who dispenses less than a 48-hour supply of a schedule II-IV controlled substance to a patient.

**What if a pharmacy or a dispenser does not dispense control substances to patients or into NH?**

A pharmacy or dispenser (e.g. veterinarian) can request a waiver from reporting to the NH PDMP. The waiver, if approved, will be in effect for a year and must be renewed upon renewal of licensure. For non-pharmacy dispenser, waivers are renewed each calendar year.

**Who can access PDMP Information?**

Access to the PDMP information is regulated by law - 318-B: **33 Controlled Drug Prescription Health and Safety Program Operation.** And Rules: **Ph 1505.02 Prescriber and Dispenser Access. –**

*Registered prescribers and dispensers, or their designees, and federal health prescribers and dispensers working in federal facilities located in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, and Vermont shall have electronic program access to information on a specific patient, and in the case of veterinarians a specific patient's owner(s), both past and present, for which a prescription was written or an appointment was scheduled or conducted*

*Note: Prescribers must have a DEA# attributed to their NH license number in order to register with the NH PDMP.*

**How do Delegates Register and can a Delegate be linked to more than one supervisor/master account holder?****2.2 Registering as a Delegate**

Registering as a delegate is virtually identical to registering as any of the other healthcare professional roles. The user would select one of the delegate roles (e.g. *Prescriber Delegate – Unlicensed* or *Pharmacist Delegate – Unlicensed*) and enter any required information on the demographics screen.

The final section of the demographics screen requires the delegate to enter their supervisor's email address. The supervisor must already have a registered account with the PMP AWARDX. When adding a supervisor, a delegate will want to ensure that they enter the supervisor's email address correctly and that they are using a valid email address.

Yes – delegates can be linked to more than one supervisor.

Once the account has been approved, the delegate must notify the master account holder on whose behalf they will be accessing the system. They will not be able to perform any queries until the delegate account has been linked with that of the master account holder.

**Should a delegate leave employment, transfer etc., it is the master account holder's responsibility to "UNLINK" the delegate to prevent them from accessing the NH PDMP.**

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