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The PMP Solution - “An Overview”

- A PMP is a program that keeps records of all dispenser transactions of controlled substances.
- Schedule II – V are reported.
- Reports are generated to aide prescribers and dispensers in enhancing patient care.
- Data can assist in curtailing misuse and abuse of controlled prescription drugs.
Goals of Prescription Monitoring

- Education and information
- Public health initiatives
- Early intervention and prevention
- Investigations and enforcement
- Protection of confidentiality
The Arkansas Prescription Monitoring Program (AR PMP) was established by ACT 304 of 2011 in order to:

- Enhance patient care
- Help curtail the misuse and abuse of controlled substances.
- Assist in combating illegal trade and diversion of controlled substances.
- Enable access to prescription information by authorized individuals.
Act 304 directed the Arkansas Department of Health to seek funding and implement the AR PMP by March 1, 2013.

Health Information Designs was contracted to construct the AR PMP database in the fall of 2012.

AR PMP Rules and Regulations Public Hearing January 8, 2013
Timeline

- Notification Letters sent to 1,140 Pharmacies January 15, 2013
- AR PMP Final Rules and Regulations approved by the Board of Health January 24, 2013
- AR PMP Website Operational February 14, 2013 for Dispenser Upload Accounts.
Timeline

- AR PMP Operational March 1, 2013 for Weekly Reporting of Controlled Substances Dispensing Data.
- AR PMP Operational in May 2013 for direct access by prescribers and pharmacists.
- AR PMP Operational in June 2013 for indirect access by law enforcement and regulatory boards.
Who are required to submit data

- Dispensers of Controlled Substances:
  - In-state Pharmacies
  - Out-of-State Pharmacies
  - Practitioners dispensing controlled substances
Controlled substance dispensing data reporting is web-based. Information is sent securely online to the PMP central database.

Reporting to the PMP is required weekly for the previous Sunday – Saturday dispensing period.

Schedule II – V: including Tramadol and Nalbuphine plus solid dosage forms of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine and phenylpropanolamine dispensed by prescription.
Who has access to PMP Information?

- Prescribers & Pharmacists - for their patients
- Licensing boards – pursuant to an investigation
- Law Enforcement – pursuant to a search warrant
- Other State PMPs
- Researchers and educators (de-identified information)
System Overview

Pharmacists

Dispensers

Prescribers

Law Enforcement & Regulatory Boards

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Accessing PMP Information
www.arkansasaspmp.com

- Registration with the PMP
- Receive Login Credentials
- Login to Secure Web Portal
- Request Report
- View Report Online
- Print Report

Typical for Prescribers/Pharmacists

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Types of Generated Reports

- Patient history
  - Check previous use of controlled substances
  - Check for misuse via multiple prescribers or pharmacies
  - Check for medication duplication
  - Check for drug interactions
  - Check for compliance with pain contracts

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Other Reports

- Prescriber History
  - A physician can confirm the authenticity of prescriptions attributed to his/her DEA number
  - Check his/her own prescribing history
  - Run monthly prescriber history reports
## Arkansas Prescription Monitoring Program

### Recipient Report

**Last Name:** Smith  
**First Name:** J  
**Date of Birth:** 03/03/1950  
**Dispense Start Date:** 10/01/2011  
**Dispense End Date:** 10/01/2012

**Selected Recipients:** Smith, Joan

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Other Reports

- Administrative Reports
  - Threshold Reports
  - De-identified Reports for research
  - Specialized interest and needs reports
Threshold/De-identified Report

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Number of Physicians: 6
Sort by Number of Physicians
County/Region: Anywhere

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Key Benefits to the Practitioner

- 24/7 access via web portal
- Can be accessed before filling controlled substance prescriptions
- Data is updated weekly
- Covers all sources of payment
- Covers all controlled substances
Future PMP Enhancements

- Interstate Data Sharing
- Automated Unsolicited Reporting
- Education Programs for:
  - Prescribers
  - Pharmacists
  - Law Enforcement
5.8 million prescription records in database

770 pharmacists registered

894 prescribers registered

4 law enforcement investigators registered

14,700 pharmacist queries

29,000 prescriber queries

9 law enforcement queries
Since 9/1/12

Oxycodone
Rx count = 341,181
QTY = 26,600,522 tabs/caps

Hydrocodone
Rx count = 1,375,270
QTY = 77,234,705 tabs

Methadone
Rx count = 32,165
QTY = 4,557,163 tabs
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