



PDMP Use Mandate

Delegators Fact Sheet



Overview

Effective July 1, 2018, Maryland statute (§21-2A-04.2) requires CDS Prescribers and Pharmacists in Maryland to request and to assess data from the Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) in certain prescribing and dispensing situations. For more information visit, MarylandPDMP.org.

The Maryland PDMP authorizes Prescribers and Pharmacists (also known as “Delegators”) registered with the Program to assign their PDMP search authority to one or more authorized “agents” who are known as “Delegates.”

What is a “Delegator” ?

A Delegator is a health care provider who **prescribes controlled dangerous substances (CDS)**, including physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, dentists and podiatrists, in connection with the medical care of a patient.

A Delegator is also a provider who **dispenses CDS**, including pharmacists. In addition, a Delegator is a person who has been credentialed to access the PDMP to review the controlled substance prescription history of a patient, and who determines that having a staff member (a “Delegate”) assist with PDMP patient searches will benefit their workflow.

How can someone become a Delegator?

The Delegator must first register through CRISP as a PDMP-registered prescriber-related profession or pharmacist. Likewise, the potential Delegate(s) must register through the CRISP Standard Registration Process during which they must identify a Delegator. Once the Delegate has registered, CRISP then contacts the Delegator via email for confirmation prior to finalizing the relationship and authorizing the Delegate access to PDMP data. Additional Delegator-Delegate relationships can be added once the initial relationship is confirmed.

Prescribers and Pharmacists accessing PDMP Search through the Unified Landing Page (ULP) are able to add and remove Delegates through the Delegator Dashboard. Delegates and Delegators also have the option of contacting the CRISP Support Team to initiate a new Delegate/Delegator relationship; CRISP will again verify the relationship with the Delegator before finalizing.

Who can be a Delegate?

Delegates may include any staff member (licensed or unlicensed) who is delegated access by a PDMP-registered Prescriber or Pharmacist, and who is employed by or under contract with the same practice as the Delegator. Each Delegate must obtain her/his own individual CRISP account for PDMP access. The designated staff member can serve as a Delegate for multiple Delegators, and each Delegator can have multiple Delegates. All of these relationships must be maintained in the Delegator Dashboard. **Sharing of user credentials is strictly prohibited.**

If I decide to use a Delegate, what are my responsibilities as the Supervising Delegator?

The Supervising Delegator remains responsible for the below actions:

- Protecting the confidentiality of the PDMP data
- Reviewing the PDMP data
- Deciding whether to prescribe or dispense a CDS medication to a patient
- For prescribers, documenting in the patient’s health record that the PDMP data was assessed prior to prescribing the opioid or benzodiazepine

For technical questions about using CRISP services, including PDMP data access, Delegator Dashboard, or password resets, please contact CRISP at support@crisphealth.org or call, 877-952-7477.