



PDMP Use Mandate

Pharmacist 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.

The Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) is administered by the Department of Health (MDH). The PDMP collects and securely stores information on drugs that contain controlled substances and are dispensed to patients in Maryland; the Program then makes these data available to authorized end users, such as clinicians. To register and access the PDMP database, prescribers and pharmacists must use the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP), the state-designated health information exchange, which also serves as the IT partner for the program.

When must Pharmacists check the PDMP?

- If a pharmacist, or their delegate, has a reasonable belief that a patient may be trying to fill a prescription for a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) for any purpose other than the treatment of an existing medical condition. In this case, the pharmacist should check (query) the PDMP to determine if the patient has received other prescriptions that possibly indicate misuse, abuse, or diversion of CDS.
- If the patient has a history of receiving CDS that possibly indicates misuse or abuse, consider offering naloxone (see information on the state naloxone standing order), and decide with the patient and prescribers the best course of action.
- Pharmacists have a corresponding responsibility as described in 21 CFR § 1306.04 in dispensing prescriptions for CDS.
- A pharmacist delegate may pull the PDMP data, but the pharmacist remains the responsible party for assessing the data prior to making a dispensing decision.

How do I get more information?

If you have any questions about implementation of the use mandate:

- Please see additional resources on the **Maryland PDMP website: www.MarylandPDMP.org**