

Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

The PDMP monitors the prescribing and dispensing of drugs that contain controlled dangerous substances

NEW PDMP Timeline Requirements:

Registration Requirements:

- Beginning October 1, 2016, a prescriber must register with PDMP either before obtaining a new or renewal CDS registration from DHMH or by July 1, 2017, whichever is sooner.
- **NOTE: MedChi strongly urges all prescribers to register as soon as possible with the PDMP and not to wait until the above triggers.**

Dispenser Reporting:

- As of October 1, 2016, dispensers will be required to submit information to the PDMP once every 24 hours rather than the current requirement of three business days.

When to Query PDMP

Beginning July 1, 2018

- A prescriber must:
 - 1) request at least the prior 4 months of a patient's prescription monitoring data before initiating a course of treatment for the patient that includes prescribing or dispensing an opioid or benzodiazepine;
 - 2) request a patient's prescription monitoring data at least every 90 days until the course of treatment that includes an opioid or benzodiazepine has ended; and
 - 3) assess the prescription monitoring data before deciding whether to prescribe or dispense or continue to prescribe or dispense an opioid or benzodiazepine
- A prescriber **must** document in the patient's medical record that the prescription monitoring data was requested and assessed.

When PDMP Query is NOT Required:

- A prescriber is not required to query if the opioid or benzodiazepine is prescribed or dispensed to an individual:
 - 1) For amounts prescribed for 3 days or less;
 - 2) For the treatment of cancer or cancer-related pain;
 - 3) Who is:
 1. A patient receiving treatment in an inpatient unit of a hospital
 2. A patient in a general hospice care program or any other patient diagnosed with a terminal illness
 3. A patient who resides in an assisted living facility; a long-term care facility; a comprehensive care facility; or a developmental disabilities facility
 - 4) To treat or prevent acute pain for a period of 14 days or less following:
 1. A surgical procedure in which general anesthesia was used;
 2. A fracture;
 3. Significant trauma; or
 4. Childbirth

When PDMP Query MAY not be Required:

- A prescriber may not be required to query when:
 - 1) Prescribing or dispensing an opioid or benzodiazepine drug that has been listed by the Secretary as having a low potential for abuse;
 - 2) Accessing would result in a delay in the treatment of a patient that would negatively impact the medical condition of the patient;
 - 3) Electronic access is not operational; or
 - 4) Data cannot be accessed due to a temporary technological or electrical failure