



Alaska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

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WHAT PROVIDERS NEED TO KNOW

What is a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)?

The Alaska Board of Pharmacy has created a secure online database to be used across the State of Alaska to improve public health. Practitioners will have access to their patient's information before they prescribe or dispense drugs. This will allow them to look for duplicate prescribing, possible misuse, drug interactions, and other potential concerns. More information means better patient care.



Which drugs does the Alaska PDMP monitor?

The AK PDMP collects data on Schedules II, III, IV, and V controlled substances.

What does it do?

AKPDMP is a centralized database that will hold controlled substance prescription information for all patients across the state.

Dispensers will submit data to the database.

Prescribers will be able to review prescription history information and look for potential interactions.

It will protect patient safety and deter prescription drug misuse.

What do I need to do?

Dispensers began submitting data to the system beginning on August 1, 2011.

Practitioners are able to register and create an account on our website: <https://rpt.pmp.relayhealth.com/ak/faces/pages/login.xhtml>

Practitioners will be able to begin to receive patient prescription information beginning January 1, 2012.

Do other states have a similar program?

Currently 48 states have laws that authorize the establishment and operation of a PMP. Thirty-six of these states' programs are up and running. Find more information on these programs on the *Alliance of States with Prescription Monitoring Programs* website: www.pmpalliance.org/.

Which practitioners can access data?

Physicians, pharmacists, dentists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, veterinarians and other licensed clinicians and professionals.

Are there tools to help me?

Yes. The Board's website (<http://commerce.alaska.gov/occ/ppha.htm>) and the AKPDMP website (<http://pmp.relayhealth.com/ak/>) provides answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) and forms.

What prescription information is collected?

Information will include:

- Patient name, address, and date of birth
- Prescriber and dispenser information
- Drug name and dosage, and the prescribing and dispensing dates
- Method of Payment

What are the benefits?

Prescription Review will protect the public and will:

Increase:

- Quality of patient care
- Confidence when prescribing/dispensing
- Efficiency of medical care

Decrease:

- Drug misuse
- Accidents and potential deaths
- Crime rates
- Taxpayer costs

For more information, visit the website (<http://pmp.relayhealth.com/ak/>) or call Brian Howes (Program Manager) at 907-269-8404 or akpdmp@alaska.gov

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