

WHAT IS THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM (PDMP)?

The PDMP is a statewide program that collects information about controlled substances and other drugs with a substantial potential for abuse that are dispensed to patients in Wisconsin. The PDMP discloses the information to users who are legally authorized to obtain it.

WHAT ARE MONITORED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS?

Monitored prescription drugs are identified as controlled substances in Schedules II, III, IV, or V by state or federal law that require a prescription order to be dispensed and Tramadol.

WHO IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT INFORMATION TO THE PDMP?

"Dispensers" submit information to the PDMP. Dispensers are defined as all pharmacies and health care practitioners that dispense monitored prescription drugs to patients.

WHAT DOES "DISPENSE" MEAN?

For the purposes of the PDMP, "dispense" means to give a prescribed monitored prescription drug to a patient by or pursuant to the prescription order of a practitioner, including the compounding, packaging, or labeling necessary to prepare the prescribed drug. For example, a practitioner dispenses a drug when he or she gives a patient samples or other medication to consume outside of the office or medical facility. A practitioner does not dispense a drug and, therefore, does not need to submit information to the PDMP when: **1** he or she administers the drug to a patient within the office or medical facility; or **2** he or she writes a prescription order to be filled elsewhere.



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AN INTRODUCTION FOR DISPENSERS



AS A PRACTITIONER, AM I A "DISPENSER" UNDER THE LAW?

YOU ARE A DISPENSER IF YOU:

- 1 Have a credential, license, or permit issued by the State that authorizes you to dispense a monitored prescription drug, AND
- 2 Dispense monitored prescription drugs to patients.

HOW OFTEN MUST DISPENSERS SUBMIT INFORMATION?

Dispensers must submit data to the PDMP within 7 days of dispensing a monitored prescription drug. They may submit sooner and as often as they like.

WHAT IF A DISPENSER DOES NOT DISPENSE A MONITORED PRESCRIPTION DRUG DURING A REPORTING PERIOD?

You must submit a "zero report" that indicates you did not dispense a monitored prescription drug during that reporting period.

WHAT IF A DISPENSER CAN'T SUBMIT THE INFORMATION WITHIN A REPORTING PERIOD?

Prior to the required submission of the information, the dispenser must apply for an emergency waiver of the reporting period and explain the circumstances that prevent it from submitting the information in accordance with the law. Unless the Pharmacy Examining Board specifies differently, the waiver will allow an additional 7 days to submit the information without potential enforcement action being taken.

WHEN DID DISPENSERS BEGIN SUBMITTING INFORMATION?

The law requiring dispensers to collect and submit information became effective on January 1, 2013. The PDMP became available April 1, 2013 to accept retroactive data collected since January 1, 2013.



HOW CAN DISPENSERS SUBMIT INFORMATION?

Dispensers must create an online account with the PDMP through which they can submit information. Once they have an account, they will have options on how to electronically submit information. All information must be submitted in accordance with the data standards established by Version 4.2 of the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy Implementation Guide for PDMPs or other format identified by the Pharmacy Examining Board. If a dispenser is unable to electronically submit information, it may apply for a waiver and submit information on paper. The application for a waiver of the electronic reporting requirements is available on the PDMP website.

WHAT INFORMATION ARE DISPENSERS REQUIRED TO COLLECT AND SUBMIT?

Dispensers are required to collect and submit specific information about themselves, the patient, the prescriber, and the drug. Visit the PDMP website for more details about the information required to be collected and submitted.

IS THE INFORMATION SECURE AND CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes. The information collected by the PDMP is protected as protected health information under the HIPAA¹ "Privacy Rule" and as confidential health care records under state law. Therefore, only authorized individuals will be able to obtain information from the PDMP. Further, information is explicitly not subject to state open records laws.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE INFORMATION AFTER IT IS SUBMITTED?

After data is submitted, it is cleansed and added to the PDMP database. Dispensers, health care practitioners and their delegates can create accounts and access the information as authorized under the law. Others who have created accounts with the PDMP and who can demonstrate sufficient proof that they are legally entitled to the information may submit requests for information. Under the law, the following groups may obtain information under specific circumstances: patients and their authorized representatives; designated employees of government agencies; coroners and medical examiners; health care facility staff committees or accreditation or health care service review organizations; researchers; and designated staff of law enforcement agencies (pursuant to a court order in most cases).