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Wisconsin DPS Earns Funding for Prescription Drug Monitoring

Federal grant bolsters important tool in reducing opioid abuse

Madison, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS) recently won a \$2 million federal award to support services provided by the Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (ePDMP).

Earlier this summer, DPS received word from the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs that the grant application was approved.

“This grant funding is vital in allowing the ePDMP to continue playing an integral role in Wisconsin’s efforts to combat the opioid epidemic,” said DPS Secretary Dan Hereth. “I’d like to thank staff in our Division of Policy Development and our Office of Budget and Finance for their work to obtain this funding and support for an important public safety tool.”

Wisconsin DPS maintains the ePDMP, a database that provides valuable information about monitored prescription drugs that are dispensed in Wisconsin. It aids healthcare professionals in their prescribing and dispensing decisions, and it provides a place where pharmacies, healthcare professionals, law enforcement agencies, and public health officials can work together to reduce the misuse, abuse, and diversion of monitored prescription drugs.

The grant funding will allow DPS to, among other things, carry out ongoing electronic health records (EHR) integration, reduce redundancy of mandated reporting for law enforcement

groups, and support maintenance of the Wisconsin ePDMP website, including 24-7 customer service, technical support, and information updates.

About DSPS

DSPS issues more than 240 unique licenses, administers dozens of boards and councils that regulate professions, enforces state building codes, runs the state fire prevention program, and maintains the award-winning Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, which is a key tool in the multi-faceted public health campaign to stem excessive opioid prescribing. A fee-based agency, DSPS is self-sustaining and receives no general fund tax dollars for its day-to-day operations. With five offices and 250 employees throughout Wisconsin, DSPS collaborates with constituents and stakeholders across a wide range of industries to promote safety and advance the economy.