

CHANGES TO THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM (PDMP):

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018



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HOUSE BILL 249 CREATED PDMP

MAY 4, 2017:

A BILL DESIGNED TO ADDRESS OPIOD ABUSE IN GA

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES:

- Effective July 1, 2017- Dispensers Required to Enter RX Information on all Schedule II, III, IV, V into PDMP database
- By January 1, 2018, all Prescribers Must Be Registered in the PDMP
- Beginning July 1, 2018- All Prescribers Required to Check PDMP Before Prescribing Schedule II opiate drugs or benzodiazepines

Checking the PDMP Required if:

- Physician is prescribing Benzodiazepines / Schedule II drugs for the 1st time; then
- Every 90 days thereafter

EXEMPTIONS:

- NO MORE THAN 3 DAY SUPPLY/ 26 PILLS OR LESS
- PT IN HOSPITAL/NURSING FACILITY/HOSPICE
(DRUGS ADMINISTERED IN FACILITY)
- PT HAD OUTPATIENT SURGERY/ 10 DAY SUPPLY/40
PILL MAX
- TERMINAL ILLNESS OR CANCER TX

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF PHYSICIANS NOW?

- 1. Register at <https://Georgia.pmpaware.net/login>
- 2. Determine delegate if using
- 3. Begin checking PDMP before prescribing Schedule II drugs unless exception above applies

- 4. Chart that PDMP was consulted prior to prescribing and note WHO conducted the patient search.

Delegates:

- Prescriber may delegate 2 members of staff- they also must register
- If at Hospital/Surgery Center- 2 employees per shift may be delegates

What is seen when accessing PDMP?

- “My Dashboard” .. First screen after logging in:
Announcements, Your recent searches, Patient Alerts

My Dashboard

Patient Alerts

Patient Full Name	DOB	Alert Date	Alert Letter
JOHN DOE	01/01/1900	10/12/2015	PDF
JOHNNY DOE	01/01/1900	10/12/2015	PDF
NEW BOB TESTPATIENT	01/01/1900	10/12/2015	PDF
BOB TESTPATIENT	01/01/1900	08/13/2015	PDF
JOHN DOE	01/01/1900	08/11/2015	PDF

Recent Requests

Patient Name	DOB	Request Date	Delegate
John Doe	01/01/1900	11/09/2015 4:43 PM	Paul Delegate
JOHNNY DOE	01/01/1900	11/09/2015 4:10 PM	
JOHN DOE	01/01/1900	11/09/2015 4:09 PM	
JOHN DOE	01/01/1900	11/06/2015 1:12 PM	
John Doe	01/01/1900	10/06/2015 2:24 PM	Paul Delegate

Delegates

Delegate Name	Status	Request Date
Pharmacist Delegate Unlicensed	pending	11/04/2015
First Middle Last	approved	10/15/2015
Paul Delegate	approved	07/21/2015

Announcements

Message for Physician 11/03/2015

Test message for only Physicians

Quick Links

[Google](#)

Patient Request/Search:

- Enter patient name/info
- Can search RX fill dates
- Can check several other states (if state has entered into agreement with GA- example, South Carolina/Alabama)
- Will find patient's RX history, including who prescribed, what was prescribed, where filled.

Patient Request

[Patient Rx Request Tutorial](#)

Patient Info

First Name* Partial spelling

Last Name* Partial spelling

DOB*

Phone Number

Drivers License Number

Case Number

Case Comments

Patient Location

City

State/Province

Zip Code

Prescription Fill Dates

From*

No earlier than 4 years from today

To*

PMP Interconnect Search

- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Utah
- Wisconsin

MyRX

- Physician can search by DEA number for summary of past RX

- What if physician sees that a patient is receiving prescriptions for same substance he/she is about to prescribe?
- What does Dr. do if it is believed that a patient is doctor shopping?

What happens if physician does not use the GA PDMP?

- Does not subject doctor to civil/criminal penalties
- Can be disciplined by licensing board (GA Composite Medical Board)
- Penalties unknown at this time

Potential problems and Helpful Takeaways:

- Delegate issues
- EMR issues
- One more thing on a doctor's plate!
- Medical malpractice
- Info only as good as what is entered

Need assistance?

- Technical Questions re: PDMP: 1-855-5GA-4PMP
- Administrative Questions: GA Drugs and Narcotics Agency 404-656-5102
- <https://dph.georgia.gov/pdmp>