



What is the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program?

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) is a statewide tool that collects dispensed prescription information.

On Jan. 1, 2017, all dispensed controlled substances were required to be reported daily. Starting January 1, 2018 this requirement will include all dispensed prescriptions submitted daily to the PDMP. The PDMP stores the information in a secure database and makes it available to healthcare professionals as authorized by law.

The PDMP is housed on the Health Information Exchange platform and managed in collaboration with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as established in 2011 (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-2454, 71-2455, 71-2456). The primary purpose of the PDMP is to prevent the misuse of prescribed controlled substances, allow prescribers and dispensers to monitor the care and treatment of patients for whom such a prescription drug is prescribed, and to ensure that such prescription drugs are used for medically appropriate purposes.

The Nebraska State Legislature passed a law in 2011, LB 237, to create a comprehensive tool for medical providers to access their patients' medical history electronically. Within this tool (the Nebraska Health Information Exchange) would also be housed the medication history of the patient (also known as the PDMP). The intent of the tool is to aid providers in making treatment decisions with a more robust medical history of their patient thus aiding and improving the quality and safety of patient care.

In 2016, LB 471, was passed which directs the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in collaboration with the Nebraska Health Information Initiative (NeHII) to enhance the PDMP by clarifying some of the system requirements as well as further define access and use of the PDMP.

In 2017, LB 223, was passed that allows licensed or registered health care professionals credentialed under the Uniform Credentialing Act to be designated by a prescriber or dispenser to act as an agent for the purpose of submitting or accessing data in the PDMP when directly supervised by such prescriber or dispenser.

For additional information about the Nebraska PDMP, please visit www.dhhs.ne.gov/pdmp.