Alaska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Summary Prepared for Board of Examiners in Optometry Q2 2023



This report contains summary data from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). Data is provided as a courtesy for the board and is intended to be used for informational purposes only.

News

- The results of the 2023 PDMP Awareness and Feedback Questionnaire have been posted to the website.
- Statewide Gateway Integration is ongoing.
- Auto-approval has been enabled!
- We have applied for grants with our partners at Department of Health for funding from the Centers and Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Awards will be announced this fall.

Registration

Portal

Number of licensed Optometrists: 226

Number of Optometrists with PDMP designations: 97 Number of Optometrists with DEA registrations: 101

Number of Optometrists directly dispensing controlled substances: 0

AWARXE (PDMP)

Number registered with the PDMP: 88

Review

Federally Scheduled II – III controlled substances, over a three-day supply (emergency, surgical and oncology specialties are omitted). The system does not capture treatment codes and is therefore not able to account for prescription(s) not reviewed due to some of the exemptions in AS 17.30.200(k)(4)(A).

Q4 2021: NA Q1 2022: NA

Recommendations

- Encourage increased reviewing, including the use of authorized delegates
- Issue periodic reminders to licensees on mandatory reviewing
- Provide guidance to licensees on prescribing practices related to the use of dangerous combinations
- Encourage providers to sign up with Statewide Gateway!

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