

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.

Notices

- The new Appriss contract started April 1st. Updated user manuals and dispensation guides will be uploaded soon to pdmp.alaska.gov.
- License integration is tentatively scheduled to go live on June 15th. Need to upgrade the specifications to include the newly created license types.

There are differences in the number of pharmacists licensed by the Board of Pharmacy and the number of pharmacists registered in the PDMP. The registration counts in the federal user role categories also include non-Alaska licensed pharmacists and some Alaska-licensed pharmacists have opted to register even though not required to by statute and regulations.

Registration

Portal (Professional license system)

Number of licensed Pharmacists: 1,082 (increase of 42 licenses)

Number of PDMP Pharmacist registrations: 736 (increase of 18 registrations)

Number of Pharmacists dispensing: 716 (increase of 78 pharmacists)

AWARxE (PDMP)

Number registered with the PDMP: 987

Pharmacists – 770

PIC – 90

IHS Dispenser – 112

VA Dispenser - 15

Delinquent Reporters

- Letters sent to 17 licensees in April for Q2 2021
 - 10 dispensers responded to obtain list of delinquent dates
 - 3 providers responded to clarify they are not dispensing
- 25 licensees appeared on the list for the second time and 18 of these had not replied to the first communication
- No letter has been sent to the pharmacies on the list for the second time pending more work with Appriss on the system limitations. (Meeting on Tuesday, May 11th)

Recommendations

- Encourage the use of authorized delegates.
- Encourage licensees to verify their user roles and specialties in AWARxE to improve the accuracy of reporting.

Recommendations to Prescribing Boards

- Encourage increased reviewing, including the use of authorized delegates.
- Issue periodic reminders to licensees on mandatory reviewing and reporting.
- Provide guidance to licensees on prescribing practices related to the use of dangerous combinations.

- Set daily MME in regulation.
- Develop a plan for following up with delinquent reporters.

Contract Updates

- A Communications Module allowing provider-to-provider communication within the PDMP will be launched soon. The quick start guide is complete, and instructions will be in the updated AWAxRE user manual. Launch date TBD.
- We were recently notified of additional grant funding available to purchase the Provider Outlier Module. This module will identify prescribers whose prescribing habits could potentially have negative repercussions on their patients.
- We are discussing the Delinquent Reporting Notice with the states who have implemented the system and are anticipating enabling this feature once license renewals have completed. This enhancement will send notices to providers when at least one day of reporting is missed.