



Notice of Proposed Changes in The Regulations of the Board of Pharmacy

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 52.855. Registration with the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) controlled substance prescription database.

The proposed regulations will require providers to register with the PDMP within 30 days of initial licensure as a prescriber or pharmacist and if other mandatory registration criteria are met, e.g.: obtains a personal registration # issued by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). This timeframe establishes the same standard for each affected board; currently, the registration timeframe varies between 30 days and 180 days.

Establishes an objective timeframe for which to comply with the registration requirement with the PDMP, which ultimately improves patient safety and protects communities from adverse outcomes related to controlled substances.

Non-compliance with the registration is high, which means providers aren't reviewing prescription histories prior to prescribing, administering, or dispensing controlled substances. Failure to review patient histories may negatively affect patients, including increasing the risk of abuse, misuse, diversion, and death. Prescribers are unable to legally prescribe federally scheduled II - III controlled substances without being registered, unless one of the few exemptions applies as indicated in AS 17.30.200(k).

2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

\$25 initial PDMP registration fee; \$25 PDMP biennial registration renewal fee.

3. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and

adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

Do you have a question that is not answered here? Please email RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov so it can be added.