Alaska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Summary Prepared for the Board of Nursing May 2021



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:

- We will be rolling out a feature to allow providers to communicate within the PDMP this spring
- We are working with Appriss on being able to issue automatic compliance notifications to providers who directly dispense, letting them know if they miss a day of reporting.
- The Awareness and Feedback Questionnaire is in development and will available in June

Registration

Portal

Number of licensed Nurses: 1,486

Number of PDMP Nursing registrations: 1,092 (16 In-Process)

Number with DEA Registrations: 1,131

Prescriptive Authority: 1,225

Directly Dispensing Controlled Substances: 183 (Letter sent 4/12/21)

Compliance rate (DEA and PDMP registrations): 97%

AWARxE (PDMP)

Number registered with the PDMP: 1,128

Use - Review Compliance

Federally scheduled II – III, over a three-day supply, some specialties omitted)

Q4 2020: 47.26% - 20,441 dispensations; 9,661 searched Q1 2021: 47.87% - 19,444 dispensations; 9,307 searched

MME Use (Q4 2020/Q1 2021)

Number of patients treated with over 90 MME: 367 (4% increase from Q3/Q4 2020) Number of patients treated with over 120 MME: 140 (increase of 1 patient from Q3/Q4 2020)

Number of patients treated with dangerous combinations (benzodiazepines and opioids): 565 (1% decrease from Q3/Q4 2020)

Number of patients treated with dangerous combinations (benzodiazepines, opioids, carisoprodol): 14 (27% increase from Q3/Q4 2020)

Delinquent Reporters

Providers who directly dispense are required to report daily. Letters were sent out on April 12, 2021 to clarify status.

Recommendations

- Encourage increased reviewing, including the use of delegates
- Set daily MME in regulation
- Provide guidance to licensees on prescribing practices related to the use of dangerous combinations
- Develop a plan for following up with delinquent reporters

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