# Alaska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Summary Prepared for the Board of Nursing Q4 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.

# News as of February 16, 2022

- The PDMP fee was reduced to \$0 and the PDMP Registration has been discontinued effective December 23, 2021. Registration status will be reflected on the professional license.
- We have hired an Occupational Licensing Examiner (OLE) to assist with the processing and migration of data as we implement changes in the licensing system.
- We are currently advertising for a Project Assistant to work on Reporting.
- License integration was successfully launched on January 11, 2022.
- The Communications module was enabled on February 8, 2022. Configurations are still be enabled and we expect to go live before March 2022.
- We are now data sharing with 17 states and the Military Health System. We recently started sharing with Arizona and Florida.
- We will begin conducting a delegate audit during the month of March. An announcement will be sent out through AWARXE and a guide will be made available next week on the PDMP website.

## Registration

#### **Portal**

Number of licensed Nurses: 1,690 Prescriptive Authority: 1,416

Number with DEA Registrations: 1,371

Number of PDMP Nursing registrations: 1,216 Directly Dispensing Controlled Substances: 97

### AWARXE (PDMP)

Number registered with the PDMP: 1,115

Does not include anyone registered with an IHS, VA, or Military user role.

### **Review**

Federally scheduled II – III controlled substances over a three-day supply (some specialties omitted).

Q3 2021: 48% Q4 2021: 45%

#### Recommendations

- Promote increased reviewing. Mandatory review applies to non-refillable federally scheduled II III controlled substances over a three-day supply (for further exemptions see AS 17.30.200(k)).
- Encourage the option of using delegates to assist with reviews
- Provide guidance to licensees on prescribing practices related to the use of dangerous combinations
- Remind providers who are directly dispensing to report daily, including zero reports

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