Alaska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Summary Prepared for Board of Examiners in Optometry 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 Optometrists: 222

Number of PDMP Optometrists registrations: 92 Number of Optometrists with DEA registrations: 70

AWARXE (PDMP)

Number registered with the PDMP: 88

Review

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

Q3 2021: NA Q4 2021: NA

Delinquent Reporters

Providers who directly dispense are required to report daily. No Optometrists have reported they are directly dispensing as of the date of this report.

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
- Set daily MME in regulation
- Develop a disciplinary matrix to guide appropriate actions taken against licensees who do not comply with mandatory registration and use

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