

**Alaska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program**  
**Summary Prepared for the Board of Veterinary Examiners**  
**October 2020**



This report contains high-level information on 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 Board of Pharmacy sent a letter to all licensees about mandatory PDMP registration and use in July.
- 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 PDMP received two grants: the State Opioid Response grant, and a partial award of the Bureau of Justice Assistance grant.
- We will have our analysis of the spring survey at the end of the month and will be able to share at the next meeting.

**Registration**

Number of licensed Veterinarians: 425

PDMP Veterinary registrations in Portal: 171

Number of Veterinarians registered in AWARxE: 293

Compliance rate (licensure and AWARxE): 67%

Compliance rate (licensure and PDMP registrations): 40%

**Use**

Veterinarians prescribing opioids from Q1 and Q2 2020: 171

From May – October 2020, review compliance for Sched II – III, over a 7-day supply: 0

**Reporting**

Unless excused from reporting under 17.30.200(u), daily reporting applies to you if:

- a. You are the PIC of a pharmacy dispensing federally scheduled II – IV controlled substances;
- OR**
- b. You are a practitioner who directly dispenses federally scheduled II – IV controlled substances

**Top Medications Prescribed in Q2 2020:**

1. Phenobarbital (schedule IV)
2. Tramadol HCL (schedule IV)
3. Alprazolam (schedule IV)
4. Hydrocodone bitartrate/homatropine methylbromide (schedule II)

**Recommendations**

- Education about registration requirements. Currently the board allows 180 days from date of licensure, however, providers should be notified they cannot prescribe federally scheduled II or III controlled substances until their account in AWARxE has been approved
- Encourage increased compliance with registration and reviewing
- Educate providers on the use of delegates
- Provide guidance to licensees on prescribing practices
- Establish a disciplinary matrix to assist the board in determining appropriate disciplinary action for failure to comply with existing laws and regulations