

Alaska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
Summary Prepared for Board of Veterinary Examiners
August 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 received approval for the Provider Outlier Module which will be available by October.
- Appriss is rolling out some changes to the patient report. Changes will be implemented on August 25th. Appriss is sending communication about the changes.
- License integration will be implemented in September.
- The communications module will be rolling out by the end of the year.
- We are continuing to discuss the Delinquent Reporting Notice with the states who have implemented the system and are anticipating enabling this feature. This enhancement will send notices to providers when at least one day of reporting is missed.

Registration

Portal (Professional license system)

Number of licensed Veterinarians: 402 (includes 1 Temporary Permit)
Number of PDMP Veterinarian registrations: 319
Number of Veterinarians with DEA registrations: 335
Number of Veterinarians directly dispensing: 55
Compliance rate (DEA and PDMP registrations): 95%

AWARxE (PDMP)

Number registered with the PDMP: 348

Use – Review Compliance

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

Q1 2021: 2% - 300 dispensations; 6 searched

Q2 2021: 3.57% - 196 dispensations; 7 searched

Delinquent Reporters

Providers who directly dispense are required to report daily. A letter clarifying the status of the providers who indicated they are directly dispensing was sent on July 26, 2021 to 67 licensees.

Recommendations

- Encourage increased reviewing of clients, including the use of authorized delegates
- Issue periodic reminders to licensees on mandatory reviewing and reporting
- Provide guidance to licensees on prescribing practices related to the use of dangerous combinations
- Develop a plan for communication with licensees about mandatory reporting
- Develop a disciplinary matrix to guide appropriate actions taken against licensees who do not comply with mandatory registration and use

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MME Use
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The CDC recommends that primary care clinicians should reassess evidence of the benefits and risks to the individual when increasing dosage to greater or equal to 50 MME/day and avoid increasing to greater or equal to 90 MME/day when possible due to an increased risk of complications. The CDC also recommends avoiding concurrent benzodiazepine and opioid prescriptions, given the high risk of adverse drug-drug interactions, specifically respiratory depression and death.

CDC checklist for prescribing opioids -

https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/PDMP_OpiodPrescribeCDC_06.2018.pdf

CDC guidelines for prescribing opioids for chronic pain -

https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/PDMP_OpiodPrescribeCDCPain_2018.10.pdf

Provider Type	# Providers Prescribing at Least Once	# Providers Who Reviewed 0 Patients	# Providers Prescribing >90MME	# Providers Prescribing >120MME	Dangerous Combo	
					Benzo Opioid	Benzo Opioid Carisoprodol
DEN	333	54% (181)	6% (19)	2% (6)	26% (85)	0
MED	1282	29% (370)	21% (273)	13% (165)	33% (425)	2% (24)
NUR	543	18% (98)	11% (62)	8% (43)	25% (138)	1% (7)
OPT	5	80% (4)	0	0	0	0
PA	347	14% (49)	19% (67)	12% (41)	29% (99)	1% (4)
VET	193	73% (141)	4% (8)	3% (6)	5% (9)	0