



Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)  
Controlled Substance Prescription Database Registration Fees

FAQ

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1. Why are new fees going into effect?

In 2016, the Alaska State Legislature enacted SB74, expanding the requirements for registration with and participation in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). The fees will help cover the cost of the PDMP according to AS 17.30.200. Per state law, fees must be set so that the total amount of fees collected by the department equals the total operational costs of the database minus all federal funds and grants acquired for the operational costs of the database.

2. How were the fees determined?

A fee analysis was conducted on the PDMP program. This analysis is very similar to those conducted for any professional licensing program and is provided below:

PDMP Registration Analysis													
Analysis last updated: 03/19/2018 - 03/30/2017 - 04/11/2017 - 12/18													
Effective dates: 09/01/2017													
Fee Type	\$25 Fee Proposal				\$50 Fee Proposal				Adjustments			FY15 License Statistics	
	Fee Adjustment	Fee with Recommended Adjustment	Projected Revenue after Adjustment	% Change	Fee Adjustment	Fee with Recommended Adjustment	Projected Revenue after Adjustment	% Change	Adjustment for Estimated Prorated	Projected Revenue Units*	Projected Revenue Loss		
Pharmacists	25	25	28,900	25%	50	50	57,800	100%	(25)	52	(1,300)	Pharmacists	1,156
Optometrists	25	25	5,050	25%	50	50	10,100	100%	(25)	7	(175)	Optometrists	202
Dentists	25	25	22,875	25%	50	50	45,750	100%	(25)	48	(1,200)	Dentists	315
APRNs	25	25	26,475	25%	50	50	52,950	100%	(25)	201	(5,025)	APRNs	1,053
Physicians	25	25	102,975	25%	50	50	205,950	100%	(25)	304	(7,600)	Physicians	4,113
Veterinarians	25	25	12,975	25%	50	50	25,950	100%	(25)	118	(2,950)	Veterinarians	519
Delegates **	25	25	-	25%	50	50	-	100%	-	-	-	Delegates **	-
Centralized Fees			1				1						
			\$ 199,250				\$ 398,500				\$ (18,250)		
													APPRIS SOFTWARE CONTRACT
													FY2017 78,385.00
													FY2018 75,000.00
													FY2019 75,000.00
													FY2020 75,000.00
													FY2021 75,000.00
													TOTAL = 378,385.00
* Based on the number that each occupation received prorated rates during their last Fee Analysis - Delegates were estimated at 5%.													
** Per LAIV, the only people who have to pay the fee are those identified in AS 17.30.200(c): a pharmacist who dispenses or a practitioner who prescribes, administers, or directly dispenses a schedule II, III, or IV controlled substance under federal law, are required to register.													
Revenues and Expenditures		Projected FY2018/2017	Projected FY2019/2018	FY2018/2017 Actuals	Projected FY2019/2018	Projected FY2020/2019	Projected FY2021/2020	FY2018/2017 Actuals	Projected FY2019/2018	Projected FY2020/2019	Projected FY2021/2020		
Revenue		-	-	-	(305,885)	199,250	199,250	-	(305,885)	398,500	398,500		
Expenses													
Adjustments													
Expenses adjusted for 2% biennial increase		(312,003)	(318,243)	-	(312,003)	(318,243)		-	(312,003)	(318,243)			
\$125,000 SAMHSA Grant Award in 2015 (5-year - Grant 08/01/2016 - 08/31/2020) (1 year - FY17-FY19)		290,000	290,000	290,000	290,000	290,000		290,000	290,000	290,000			
Grant 08/01/2016 - 08/31/2018 (3 year - FY17-FY19)		64,000	64,000	42,000	64,000	64,000		42,000	64,000	64,000			
Fee adjustment for pro-rated renewal		(18,250)	(18,250)	(18,250)	(18,250)	(18,250)		(18,250)	(18,250)	(18,250)			
Projected Net		3,747	(211,433)	-	(32,135)	202,397	(12,243)	-	(32,135)	402,247	187,007		
Beginning Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)		(32,135)	(28,388)	-	-	(32,135)	170,862	-	-	(32,135)	370,112		
Ending Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)		(28,388)	(239,880)	-	(32,135)	170,862	158,620	-	(32,135)	370,112	557,120		
ESTIMATED EXPENSES		FY2017	FY2018	COMBINED TOTAL									
Cost of Appriss Software		78,385	75,000	153,385									
PDMP Mgr - Range 17A (\$100,500-50% FHA 50% PDMP)		50,300	50,300	100,600									
PS Onetime Startup Costs		15,000	-	15,000									
Travel Costs		-	-	-									
Stakeholder and Board Meetings		-	-	-									
Appriss Conference/Training (Less Scholarship)		4,000	4,000	8,000									
Contractual Services		-	-	-									
Legal Costs to Amend Regulations		-	-	-									
Mail & Postage - Notify Licensees of Requirements		-	-	-									
PDMP Software Upgrade to Weekly Reporting		26,700	2,200	28,900									
		174,385	131,500	305,885									

This analysis compares PDMP funding without fees, and fees of \$25 and \$50. With current grants expiring in FY2019 and FY2020, the scenario without fees shows a deficit of (\$239,880) at the end of FY2021. The division found that the \$25.00 fee proposal was most appropriate.

### **3. What do registration fees pay for?**

Registration fees offset any remaining expenses that are not covered by the three federal grants the division has obtained for PDMP operations. Expenses include administrative and investigative personnel, training, and contracts with database vendors.

### **4. Who is required to pay the fees?**

All actively licensed practitioners with DEA registrations will be required to pay the fees. Practitioners include physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, optometrists, dentists, and veterinarians. Pharmacists who dispense federally scheduled II – IV controlled substances in the state must also comply.

Delegate users, Indian Health Service (IHS) dispensers or prescribers, or Veteran Administration dispensers or prescribers are not required to register and therefore are not required to pay the fees.

### **5. What fees are required and what are the fee amounts?**

The following fees are established for registration as required under AS 17.30.200:

- initial registration fee, \$25;
- biennial registration renewal fee, \$25.

### **6. When will the fees be due?**

Beginning April 22, 2018, all newly licensed practitioners required to register with the PDMP must submit a \$25.00 initial registration fee before access to the database is granted. Practitioners should plan to make this payment as soon as their license is issued. The \$25.00 biennial registration renewal fee will be due at the time of renewal for a professional license. Renewal dates can be found here:

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/LicenseExpirationDates.aspx>

### **7. What if I choose not to pay the fees?**

All practitioners are required to register and pay the initial PDMP registration fee upon receiving a professional license if the practitioner also holds DEA registrations. A practitioner or pharmacist's renewal application cannot be held up for processing for failure to pay the fees; however, licensing boards may have the authority to exercise disciplinary sanctions against a licensee who does not comply with PDMP registration requirements under AS 17.30.200 and relevant board statutes and regulations.

### **8. How do I pay the fees?**

- Initial payment – use form #08-4760
- Renewal payment – use form # 08-4761

For more information on the PDMP, please [visit www.pdmp.alaska.gov](http://www.pdmp.alaska.gov).