

Prescription
Monitoring Program

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)?

The Oklahoma PMP, also known as PMP AWA_Rx_E, is an electronic database that tracks controlled substance prescriptions in the state. The PMP gives health providers timely information about prescribing and patient behaviors, which improves clinical decision making. The PMP also reduces doctor shopping and diversion of controlled substances and allows for improved public health surveillance to monitor prescribing trends. The PMP is housed at the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control and leads other states as the only real-time system in the nation.

Q. If I only write a couple scripts per year, does this apply to me?

A. By Oklahoma law, it is mandatory that providers check the PMP prior to prescribing and every 180 days prior to authorizing refills for opiates, synthetic opiates, semi-synthetic opiates, benzodiazepines, or carisoprodol (exclusions for hospice or end-of-life, or patients residing in a nursing facility). This applies whether you write one or several thousand scripts per year.

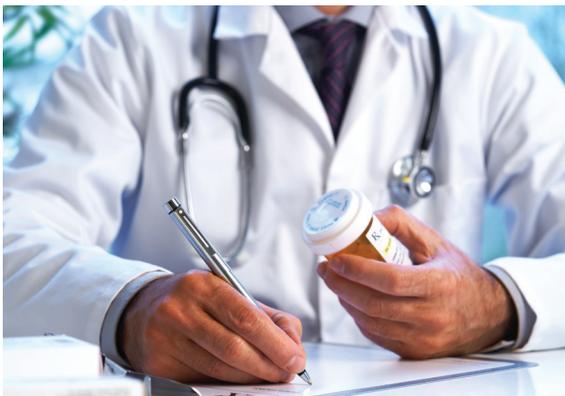


Q. Do I need to check the PMP when discharging a patient from the hospital or emergency room?

A. If you are writing a prescription for opiates, synthetic opiates, semi-synthetic opiates, benzodiazepines, or carisoprodol at discharge from either event, you still need to check the PMP if it has been at least 180 days since you checked that patient.

Q. What if I only see the patient one time as a courtesy because his/her physician was not available?

A. This patient is new to you. If you make the medical decision to write a prescription for one of the medications listed in the law, it is still your responsibility to check the PMP.



Q. What if I stopped dispensing medication from my office so I would not have to do this?

A. Dispensing and writing prescriptions are two different activities. If you dispense from your office, you have to report Schedule II-V drugs to the PMP. If you have stopped dispensing, then you are probably writing the prescription and handing it to the patient to have it filled at a pharmacy. You still are required to check that patient in the PMP.



Q. I do not have time to use the PMP; do I still have to register?

A. As long as you are not writing a prescription for opiates, synthetic opiates, semi-synthetic opiates, benzodiazepines, or carisoprodol, then you are not required to register.

Q. What if I want to prescreen a potential new employee before I hire them?

A. Not allowed. That is considered misuse of the PMP and could cause you to lose your access. The PMP can be used to prescreen potential new patients. Providers must have established a physician/patient relationship prior to checking the PMP. Scheduling an appointment is considered establishing a physician/patient relationship.

Q. Why does my co-worker have different states listed to run patient searches?

A. Each state has specific statutes on who can have access to their state PMP. By that state statute, you may not be authorized to have access.

Q. How can I register for an account?

A. If you do not currently have a PMP account, you can register online on the PMP website, <https://oklahoma.pmpaware.net/login>.

Q. Can I allow office staff to perform the patient search?

A. Physicians may designate a staff member to run the patient PMP on the physician's behalf. This designated staff member must have their own PMP AWA_Rx_E account and have the physician listed as their supervisor.



Q. As a prescriber, how often do I need to check the PMP?

A. You are required by law to check the PMP prior to prescribing to new patients and every 180 days prior to authorizing refills for opiates, synthetic opiates, semi-synthetic opiates, benzodiazepines, or carisoprodol (exclusions for hospice or end-of-life, or patients residing in a nursing facility).

Q. Can my office/facility have one username and password?

A. No. Everyone must have their own unique username and password.

Q. Who do I contact about PMP-related questions?

A. Call the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control helpdesk at (877) 627-2674 or visit pmp.obn.ok.gov.

