





Dear Pharmacist...

Is your patient:

-  New to your pharmacy system?
-  Paying in cash instead of using his/her insurance?
-  Requesting opioid medication refills early?
-  Getting opioid and/or benzodiazepine medications from more than one prescriber?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above, you are required to query your patient in the Pennsylvania PDMP system.

Why?

- To ensure that patients are not misusing their controlled substances.
- To link patients to proper care, if needed.
- To aid law enforcement officials about illicit drug use or misuse.

Not registered for the Pennsylvania PDMP system yet?

- As of January 1, 2017, all licensed prescribers and pharmacists in Pennsylvania are required to register with the Pennsylvania PDMP.
- Please visit the [Pennsylvania PDMP registration page](#)¹ to begin your registration. Registration will take about ten minutes.
- Access to delegates can also be given, however, a separate registration is required.
- **Dispensing Practitioners:** You must also submit daily dispensation data for Schedule II-V controlled substances. For more information, please refer to the Module 2 Guide Document.
- A dispensing practitioner is a medical practitioner that stocks controlled substances and distributes the medication to patients, who then leave the facility and are responsible for administering the medication themselves.

Resources for more information:

- [Registration Manual](#)²
- [How to Search and Identify “Red Flags”](#)³
- [Data Submission Dispenser Guide](#)⁴
- [Delegate Policies](#)⁵
- [Delegate Registration Manual](#)⁶
- [How to Search for your Patient Across State Lines](#)⁷

¹ <http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/PaPrescriptionDrugMonitoringProgram/Pages/Register.aspx>

² <http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/PaPrescriptionDrugMonitoringProgram/Documents/PAPDMP-UserRegistrationTutorial.pdf>

³ <http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/PaPrescriptionDrugMonitoringProgram/Documents/PAPDMP-PatientRecordQueryandWarningSigns.pdf>

⁴ http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/PaPrescriptionDrugMonitoringProgram/Documents/PAPDMP_DispenserGuide_v4.pdf

⁵ http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/PaPrescriptionDrugMonitoringProgram/Documents/PAPDMP-Delegate_Policies.pdf

⁶ <http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/PaPrescriptionDrugMonitoringProgram/Documents/PAPDMP-DelegateRegistrationTutorial.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/PaPrescriptionDrugMonitoringProgram/Pages/interstate.aspx>