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## PDMP Mandatory Checking Frequently Asked Questions

### Idaho Code

**Q. Is there an Idaho law regarding mandatory checking a patient prescription history in the Idaho PDMP?**

**A.** Yes. Idaho Code 37-2722(f) effective October 1, 2020.

<https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title37/T37CH27/SECT37-2722/>

**Q. What is the specific compliance expectation for prescribers?**

**A.** Idaho Code 37-2722(f) states in pertinent part:

“Prior to issuing a patient a prescription for outpatient use for an opioid analgesic or benzodiazepine listed in schedule II, III, or IV, the prescriber or the prescriber’s delegate shall review the patient’s prescription drug history from the preceding twelve (12) months from the prescription drug monitoring program and evaluate the data for indicators of prescription drug diversion or misuse.”

**Q. Are there any exceptions for PDMP mandatory checking?**

**A.** Yes, 37-2722 (f)(1)(2) states in pertinent part:

“The review is not required:

(1) For patients:

- (i) Receiving treatment in an inpatient setting;
- (ii) At the scene of an emergency or in an ambulance;
- (iii) In hospice care; or
- (iv) In a skilled nursing home care facility; or

(2) For a prescription in a quantity intended to last no more than three (3) days.”

**Q. Who is considered a registered Idaho prescriber?**

**A.** A professionally licensed Idaho prescriber that has an active Idaho Practitioner Controlled Substance Registration an associated Federal DEA Controlled Substance Registration, and prescribes to human patients.

**Q. Who is considered a registered prescriber delegate?**

**A.** Nurse, medical or office assistant, current student of a health profession if a licensed practitioner or registered graduate of such profession who may access the database, or a registered pharmacy technician who is designated by a supervising practitioner or pharmacist.

**Q. How does a person become a registered delegate?**

A. The person must create a PDMP delegate user account and select a supervisor (prescriber). The prescriber will receive the request via their PDMP account for approval.

**Valid Search**

**Q. Does reviewing a patient history once validate all controlled substance prescriptions for that encounter?**

A. Yes. A prescriber or prescriber's delegate needs only view PDMP once per patient encounter no matter if two or more prescriptions are prescribed.

**Q. Is there is a way for a prescriber to view past searches?**

A. Yes, in the user account under RX Searches there is a Prescriber Report option. This will provide a snapshot of prescribing history for covered substances for the most recent report as well as available historical reports.

**Compliance**

**Q. How does the division know that a prescriber or prescriber's delegate has checked the Idaho PDMP and are there any requirements for documenting when checked?**

A. The PDMP system tracks compliance for each inquiry. While there is no requirement by law for the prescriber or prescriber's delegate to document PDMP checks, it may be best practice to do so.

**Q. How is PDMP mandatory checking going to be enforced?**

A. There was a subcommittee that was clear that enforcement was to be educational initially. Beyond a suitable period, enforcement could be a collaborative effort by the division and the respective licensing boards.

With more than two (2) years having passed since the implementation of mandatory checking, enforcement discretion ends 03/31/2023.

**PDMP Statewide Integration**

**Q. Signing in and out of the PDMP system takes too much time. How can I quickly obtain the necessary patient data and still meet the mandatory requirements?**

A. PDMP data can be integrated into an electronic health record (EHR) through our PDMP integration platform.

**Q. How does integrating with the PDMP platform help me get data faster?**

A. The PDMP data is integrated into the EHR or pharmacy management system. This integration empowers clinicians to access patient data at the point of care.

**Q. Does checking via the PDMP integration platform count towards the mandatory checking?**

A. Yes, the PDMP integration does track compliance for each inquiry search.

**Q. Is PDMP integration mandatory?**

A. No, PDMP integration is not necessary and if chosen PDMP data will still be accessible through the Idaho PDMP web portal.

**Q. Is there a cost for the PDMP Integration?**

A. Yes, there is a fee. However, the Idaho Board of Pharmacy will provide for the initial user license fee expenses to set up the integration.

**How long does it take for integration to be completed?**

A. The process and timeline for integration is dependent upon your EHR or pharmacy management system vendor.

**How do I register for the integration?**

A To register for PDMP Integration into your EHR or Pharmacy Management System review the following [Gateway Integration Welcome Packet](#).

Then go to <https://connect.bamboohealth.com/> and click Create An Account to begin.