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PDMP Mandatory Checking Frequently Asked Questions

Idaho Code

Q. Is there a requirement to [register](#) with the Idaho PDMP AWA^Rx^E system?

A. Yes, every dispenser and prescriber, except veterinarians, must register for an account. See [Idaho Code § 37-2716\(b\)](#).

Q. Is there an Idaho law requiring mandatory checking of a patient's prescription history in the Idaho PDMP AWA^Rx^E system?

A. Yes. [Idaho Code § 37-2722\(f\)](#), effective October 1, 2020.

Q. What is the specific compliance expectation for prescribers?

A. [Idaho Code § 37-2722\(f\)](#) states in pertinent part:

“Before 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 to mandatory checking?

A. Yes, [Idaho Code § 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. An individual licensed, registered, or otherwise authorized to prescribe and administer drugs during professional practice.

Prescriber Delegates

Q. Who is considered a prescriber delegate?

A. According to [Idaho Code 37-2726\(8\)](#), A delegate means the health care staff, current health profession student of a licensed practitioner, or registered graduate of such profession who may access the database, or a registered pharmacy technician designated by a supervising practitioner or pharmacist to access the database according to the provisions of this section and who must register for the division for such access.

Q. How does a person become a registered delegate?

A. The user must create a [PDMP delegate user account](#) and provide the Idaho prescriber's PDMP account email address. The Idaho prescriber will then receive an email notice of the request and can review it in their PDMP AWARe account. Instructions for creating the account can be found [here](#).

Valid Search

Q. If a patient has multiple controlled substances prescribed, do I have to check the database for each drug individually?

A. No. The database pulls all relevant prescription information for a patient. One check per patient encounter satisfies the requirement, regardless of the number of prescriptions.

Q. Can I see my checking history?

A. Yes, for instructions, refer to the [Patient Requests & Patient Reports section of the PDMP User Guide](#)

Compliance

Q. How can the division verify if a prescriber or their delegate has checked the PDMP? Do I have to track?

A. The PDMP AWARe system tracks compliance for each inquiry. Prescribers or their delegates are not required to document their use of the system independently.

PDMP Gateway Integration

Q. Signing in and out of the PDMP AWARe system takes too much time. Is there any other way to quickly review a patient's prescription history?

A. Yes, PDMP data can be integrated into your office's electronic health record (EHR) through our [PDMP Gateway Integration platform](#). This empowers clinicians at the point of care with information that enables them to make prescribing decisions. Integration is not mandatory, and PDMP data will still be accessible through the PDMP AWARe system.

Q. Does reviewing the patient's history through the PDMP Gateway Integration platform count as a mandatory check?

A. Yes, the gateway integration records and tracks compliance for each patient search.

Q. Is there a cost for gateway integration?

A. If your vendor does not have a user license with our vendor, we will cover the cost to get the user license in place. We will not cover any other fees charged by your vendor.

Q. How do I register for PDMP Gateway Integration?

A. To register, go to <https://connect.bamboohealth.com/> and click Create an Account to begin.