



MARYLAND  
Department of Health



## **IMPORTANT**

# ***Version III - Information Regarding Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program***

### ***New law requires providers to REGISTER with and USE PDMP***

The **Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)** was created to support providers and their patients in the safe and effective use of prescription drugs. The PDMP is part of Maryland's response to the ***epidemic of opioid addiction and overdose deaths***.

#### **Maryland PDMP Facts**

- Authorized by law in 2011
- Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (MDH) program
- Contains data on Rx controlled dangerous substances (CDS) dispensed to patients in Maryland
- Providers get free, online access through Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP) at: [www.crisphealth.org](http://www.crisphealth.org)

#### **What is CRISP?**

- State-designated health information exchange (HIE) serving Maryland and the District of Columbia.
- Electronic system connecting all 46 acute care hospitals in Maryland
- Web-based portal gives providers secure access to patient PDMP, hospital and other clinical data



### ***Legal Changes Affecting Providers***


On April 26, 2016, Governor Hogan signed into law HB 437 which includes the following legal changes:

#### ***1. Mandatory PDMP Registration for CDS Prescribers & Pharmacists***

**Pharmacists:** Licensed pharmacists in Maryland must be registered with the PDMP by **July 1, 2017**.

**Prescribers:** Practitioners authorized to prescribe CDS in Maryland must be registered with the PDMP by **July 1, 2017**. *This applies to physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, dentists, podiatrists and veterinarians. This mandate does not apply to the following categories of nurses: RNs, CNAs, and LPNs.*

**Please note:** Effective, Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018, all Maryland licensed healthcare providers that prescribe or dispense controlled dangerous substances (CDS) are required to be registered with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) in order to obtain a CDS registration. Providers that prescribe or dispense CDS will not be able to obtain a new or renewed CDS registration from the Office of Controlled Substances Administration if they are not already registered with the PDMP.



**REGISTER NOW** with the PDMP through CRISP at [www.crisphealth.org](http://www.crisphealth.org). Look for the PDMP 'Register' button on the homepage or on the PDMP Services page.

**For registration help, call CRISP Support at: 1-877-952-7477.**

## ***2. Mandatory PDMP Use by CDS Prescribers & Pharmacists***

Beginning **July 1, 2018:**

- **Prescribers must**, with some exceptions, query and review their patient's Maryland PDMP data prior to initially prescribing an opioid or benzodiazepine **AND** at least every 90 days thereafter as long as the course of treatment continues to include prescribing an opioid or benzodiazepine.  
Prescribers must also document PDMP data query and review in the patient's medical record.
- **Pharmacists must** query and review patient Maryland PDMP data prior to dispensing **ANY** CDS drug if they have a reasonable belief that a patient is seeking the drug for any purpose other than the treatment of an existing medical condition.

Information regarding Mandatory Use is available on the MDH PDMP website. MDH will provide additional information and reminders closer to but before the implementation date. Some other states share data with the Maryland PDMP. Use of interstate data is encouraged when available, however checking for interstate PDMP information is not a requirement under Mandatory Use.

## ***3. CDS Prescribers & Pharmacists May Delegate PDMP Data Access***

Prescribers and pharmacists may delegate healthcare staff to obtain CRISP user accounts and query PDMP data on their behalf. Delegates may include both licensed practitioners without prescriptive authority and non-licensed clinical staff that are employed by, or under contract with, the same professional practice or facility where the prescriber or pharmacist practices.

### ***To Learn More***

Visit the **MDH PDMP website** for updated information, important compliance dates and Frequently

Asked Questions: [www.MarylandPDMP.org](http://www.MarylandPDMP.org)

For more information about the opioid addiction and overdose epidemic in Maryland and what healthcare providers can do to help, visit [http://bha.MDH.maryland.gov/OVERDOSE\\_PREVENTION/](http://bha.MDH.maryland.gov/OVERDOSE_PREVENTION/).