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FAQ for PDMP Mandatory Checking 01/07/2021

1. When will I be expected to start PDMP mandatory checking?

Mandatory checking of the PDMP will begin and continue after October 1, 2020.

2. Where did this legislation originate?

A subcommittee of the Opioid Task Force assembled by the Governor initiated the idea. The recommendation was then approved by the full task force and sent to the Governor. From there the language was drafted as senate bill 1348 and went through the legislative process in the 2020 session of the Idaho legislature.

3. How does the Idaho Board of Pharmacy know that a provider has checked the PDMP each time a prescription is written for controlled substances and are there any requirements for documenting that the PDMP was checked?

The PDMP has a compliance module that reports each inquiry the data base receives. Board staff will be able to determine compliance using this program, so there are no requirements for documenting PDMP checks. There is a provider public facing tool that is currently in development that will allow the prescriber to view their search compliance. This part of the module is expected to be released in late January, early February 2021.

4. Are there any exceptions for PDMP mandatory checking?

There are exceptions included in SB 1348 including for patients receiving treatment in an inpatient setting, hospice care, skilled nursing facility, and if the prescription is for a 3-day supply or less. Further mention of exceptions is included under Chapter 27 Title 37.

5. What is the specific compliance expectation for providers?

The expectation is that the PDMP be queried '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 for the preceding twelve (12) months from the prescription drug monitoring program and evaluate the data for indicators of prescription drug diversion or misuse.' Idaho Code 37-2722(f)

6. How is PDMP mandatory checking going to be enforced?

The subcommittee was clear that enforcement was to be educational initially. Beyond a suitable period, enforcement could be a collaborative effort by the Board of Pharmacy and the respective licensing boards. There is no documentation requirement on the provider as the PDMP tracks each search.

7. Is the Idaho Board of Pharmacy able to see when a prescriber opens the MSL-integrated Gateway report prior to prescribing?

Yes, the prescriber's Gateway and delegate searches are included in the report.

8. Does opening the report once validate all controlled substance prescriptions for that encounter?

Yes. A provider needs only view the PDMP once per patient encounter no matter if two or more scripts are prescribed.

9. Can a prescriber's delegate check the PDMP? If so, will this qualify for the provider's requirement to check?

Yes, if the delegate is linked to the provider who does the check, this will satisfy the requirement. This is under the assumption the delegate will report the findings to the provider.