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RE: Mandatory Checking of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

Dear Controlled Substance Registrant,

Idaho Code [37-2722](#) went into effect on October 1, 2020, mandating that prescribers check the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) database. When this law was passed, enforcement was to be educational initially. Beyond a suitable period, enforcement could then be a collaborative effort by the Board of Pharmacy and the respective licensing boards.

We want to thank those prescribers who abide by the law and check the PDMP prior to prescribing. **The period for enforcement discretion ends March 31, 2023. Those prescribers not checking the PDMP prior to prescribing an opioid analgesic or benzodiazepine in accordance with Idaho Code [37-2722](#) are in violation of the law and subject to disciplinary action.** The PDMP records each inquiry it receives (whether by the provider or their delegate).

Idaho has instituted Statewide Gateway integration to make PDMPs more convenient to use and access. Integrations into electronic health record (EHR) systems helps streamline the process. The integration eliminates the need for providers to log in separately to the PDMP. Though integration is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged, and funds are available for providers or facilities. For additional information visit: [PDMP Gateway-Welcome Kit](#).

Please be sure your user profile is accurate and up to date. For additional information a FAQ is posted at www.BOP.idaho.gov. Questions can be sent to pdmp@dopl.idaho.gov. Thank you for your efforts to comply with the Idaho Uniform Controlled Substance Act.

Sincerely,

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