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FAQ for PDMP Mandatory Checking 09/14/2020

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. How does the Idaho Board of Pharmacy know that a provider has checked the PDMP each time a prescription is written for controlled substances?

The PDMP has a PDMP Compliance Tool program that logs each inquiry it receives. Board staff will be able to determine compliance using this tool. There is a provider public facing tool that is currently in development that will allow the prescriber to view their search compliance. This tool is expected to be released in late October.

3. 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.

4. 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)

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.