PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAMS (PMPS)
WHO IS NAMSDL?

• 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation - 18 ½ years

• Successor to the President’s Commission on Model State Drug Laws

• Funded by Congress

• Provides legislative and policy services on drug and alcohol laws to a variety of stakeholders at the state and local level
Status of State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs)

1 These states became operational within the past year.

2 The operation of Nebraska’s Prescription Monitoring Program is currently being facilitated through the state’s Health Information Initiative. Participation by patients, physicians, and other health care providers is voluntary.

This information was compiled using legal databases, state agency websites and direct communications with state PDMP representatives.
Breakdown of Housing Entities*

Health Departments, Single State Authority or Boards of Pharmacy
Law Enforcement Agencies
Board of Pharmacy and Investigation
Division of the Department of Public Safety
Professional Licensing
Department of Consumer Protection
Narcotic and Drug Agency at the direction and oversight of the Board of Pharmacy

* This information is based on the agency the PMP statute or regulation indicates is required to establish the PMP.

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States that Require Authorized Users to Undergo Training for Use of PMP

Authorized users with direct access to the PMP
- Law enforcement officials only
- Employees of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services only
- Duly authorized representatives of: law enforcement, the attorney general’s office, licensing boards, Dept. of Health Drug Control Program, and Executive Office Of Health and Human Services personnel

1 Law enforcement officials in Vermont do not have access to the PMP, but must undergo training before being allowed access to PMP data provided to them by licensing boards.


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States that Require Practitioners to Register for PMP Database*

* Many states require that persons requesting access to the state PMP database first register as an authorized user. This map and the accompanying memorandum is concerned with only those states that require all practitioners licensed in the state to also register to use the PMP database.

1 The Kentucky provision goes into effect in July 2012. The Tennessee provision goes into effect on January 1, 2013.

2 Maine’s statute requires all prescribers in six classes to register by March 1, 2014 if less than 90% of prescribers in each class have not registered to use the PMP by January 1, 2014.


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States that Require Prescribers and/or Dispensers to Access PMP Information in Certain Circumstances*

* Please see the accompanying memorandum for specifics as to the circumstances under which a prescriber and/or dispenser is obligated to access the PMP database in each state.

† The Kentucky law goes into effect in July 2012. Parts of the new Tennessee law go into effect on January 1, 2013, while other aspects go into effect on April 1, 2013. Please see the companion memorandum for more information.

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States that Allow Practitioners to Designate an Authorized Agent to Access the PMP Database

1 The Kentucky provision goes into effect in July 2012. The Tennessee provisions go into effect on January 1, 2013. On July 1, 2012, Virginia will go from allowing only two delegates per practitioner to an unlimited number.

2 Idaho and South Dakota only allow prescribers to designate an agent at this time.

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States that Provide PMP Database Information to Mental Health/Substance Abuse Professionals

To substance abuse or mental health professionals

To substance abuse professionals for services to licensed health care professionals

To the chief pharmacist, the state opioid treatment authority or its designee, and the medical director of the department of mental health and substance abuse services

Please see the companion compilation of statutes and regulations on the NAMSDL website for more specific information.


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Interstate Sharing of Prescription Monitoring Program Data Pursuant to Statute, Regulation, and/or Statutory Interpretation

States that share data with other PMPs
States that share data with authorized users in other states
States that share data with both

1 The Idaho provision will become effective on July 1, 2012. The Tennessee provisions become effective on January 1, 2013. The Utah law became effective on May 8, 2012.

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Unsolicited PMP Reports/Info to Prescribers, Pharmacists, Law Enforcement and Licensing Entities

1 The West Virginia provision goes into effect on June 8, 2012.
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