Overview of Montana Prescription Drug Registry

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Montana Prescription Drug Registry (MPDR) Background

• The 2011 Montana Legislature passed HB83 which authorized the Board of Pharmacy to establish and maintain a prescription drug registry program to collect data on controlled substances that are dispensed to Montana residents

• Allows authorized health care providers to review a patient’s prescription history for controlled substances and use that information as a tool to improve patient safety and enhance the quality of patient care when making health care decisions

• MPDR information can also be a tool to look for indicators of potential drug misuse, abuse and/or diversion

• Voluntary to use
Prescription Data

• March 2012 pharmacies began reporting data to the registry
• October/November 2012 registered users began searching the online registry
• The program requires Montana licensed pharmacies to report controlled substance prescription data (Schedule II-V) to the MPDR database on a weekly basis
• Some pharmacies submit data on a daily basis
• Data is reported electronically and automatically uploaded into the database; generally searchable that day
• Indian Health Services and some Tribal Health agencies are voluntarily reporting to the MPDR; Veterans Affairs in progress

Authorized Users

• Authorized users with direct online access to the MPDR:
  — Physicians and other health care professionals with prescriptive authority for controlled substances
  — Pharmacists
  — Designated representatives from Medicaid, Tribal Health, Indian Health, and Veterans Affairs
  — Board of Pharmacy authorized staff for administrative purposes
• Access requires authorized users to complete education and the online registration process
• Individuals can request a copy of their own prescription history as it appears in the MPDR
• State licensing boards and law enforcement are not authorized for online access, but may request MPDR information through an investigative subpoena
• Online access is at www.mpdr.mt.gov
MPDR Home Page: www.mpdr.mt.gov

MPDR Search Page Features

Users can find answers to questions on the “How Do I” link. Available information includes search tips, instructions, and links to related websites.

Prescribers can find out what prescriptions have been dispensed under their DEA number.

Fill in specific patient information to that patient’s prescription history.

Start search
The “View Prescription Details” option allows users to select prescription information by prescriber or by pharmacy.

For example, if they click on a pharmacy name, they will see only the prescriptions filled for that patient, by that pharmacy.

MPDR Search Results

MPDR Statistics (1 of 2)

- Statistics as of June 30, 2014
  - Over 5.1 million prescriptions in database
  - Over 642,000 patients (some duplicates) represented in database
  - **2,363 registered users**
    - 25.7% of eligible users
    - **37.4% of eligible users located in Montana**
  - Over 7,900 patient history searches in June
  - 137,450 total searches since 2012
  - Since 2012, responded to a total of 264 law enforcement subpoenas and 18 Board Investigator/Compliance requests
**MPDR Funding and Enhancements**

- **Funding**
  - $15 fee collection from licensees and federal grant support through Montana Board of Crime Control
  - Budget 2013 (12-month): $300,758
    - Fees collection = $85,035; balance of $215,723 by grant
  - New grant funding as of April 2014
    - Allows for Phase 2 implementation resources, process, and accountability; expect similar fee collection
  - MPDR’s vendor is Montana Interactive

- **Phase 2 Implementation**
  - Priorities aim to improve functionality and efficiency of the MPDR program
    - Pharmacy Compliance Report and Data Warehouse
    - Delegate Access
    - Interstate Data Sharing
    - Statistical Analysis
    - Unsolicited Reporting

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**MPDR 2014 Interim Report and Status Update (1 of 2)**

- Board of Pharmacy MPDR 2014 Interim Report submitted to Interim Committee May 8, 2014
- Focus areas include:
  - **Background** – timelines, statistics, funding, enhancements
  - **MPDR Areas of Interest** – key topics as part of ongoing 2015 legislative discussions
    - Fee sunset provision (July 2015)
    - Fee collection – payers, process and budget considerations
    - Ongoing discussion related to potential legislative proposals
  - **Next Steps**
    - Improvements to online initial registration and statistics
    - Outreach and awareness
    - Plan, develop and build enhancements
MPDR 2014 Interim Report and Status Update (2 of 2)

• Focus areas continued:
  – Recognition – 2 awards received in 2013
    • Digital Government Achievement Award for Excellence in Government to Citizen Services
    • State of Montana Information Technology Project Excellence Award
  
• Continue dialogue and planning with stakeholders and the Committee regarding potential MPDR 2015 legislative proposals

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