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PDMP Update

Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Study Committee



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What the Task Force Evaluated



Should the PDMP collect and share information related to fatal and/or non-fatal overdoses?

Should practitioners with Prescriptive Authority be authorized to access the Colorado PDMP if they lack controlled substance prescriptive authority (DEA license)?



The Task Force Concluded:



Sharing overdose information through the PDMP, or sharing with a patient's primary care provider, does not appear to increase access to substance abuse treatment or substantially benefit patient outcomes.



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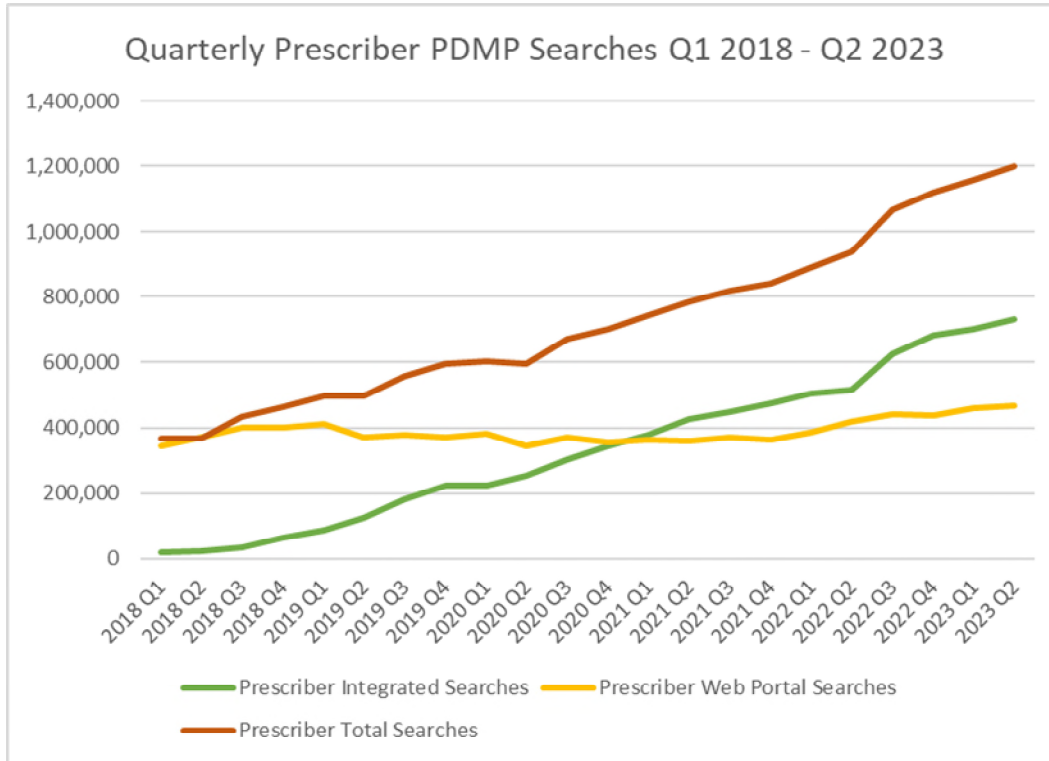


There is low risk and potential benefit in allowing practitioners without a DEA license to access the PDMP.

This increased access would allow for better review of dangerous drug interactions or contraindications and could improve overall.



Utilization Trends 2018-23

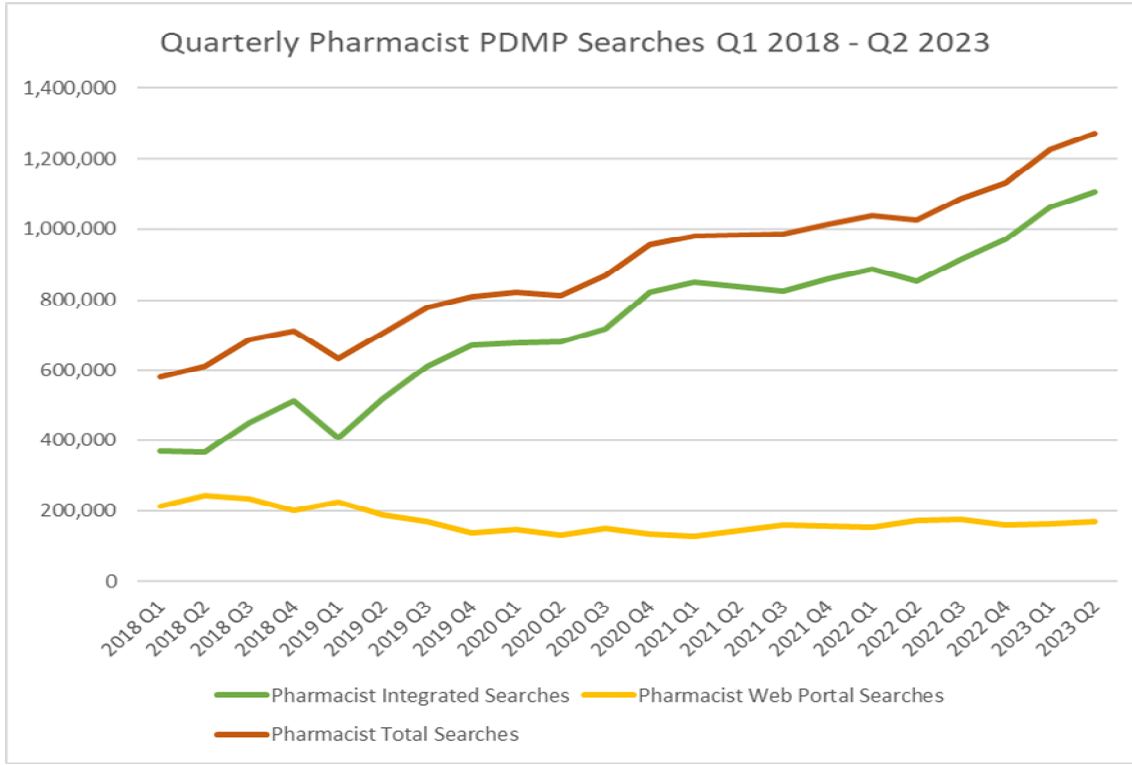


PDMP Searches by Prescribers and Their Delegates Increased from 345K in Q1 2018 to 1.2M in Q2 2023

(3.5x Increase)



Utilization Trends 2018-23



PDMP Searches by Pharmacists and Their Delegates Increased from 580k in Q1 2018 to Nearly 1.3M in Q2 2023 (More Than Doubled).



Integration = Utilization



Increases in PDMP Search Activity are Driven by Increases in Organizations that have Integrated Their Health IT Systems with the PDMP

This Integrated Access Allows Practitioners to View a Patient's PDMP Report Through a Shortcut Within Their Electronic Health Records (EHR), Pharmacy Management Systems, or Electronic Prescribing Tools



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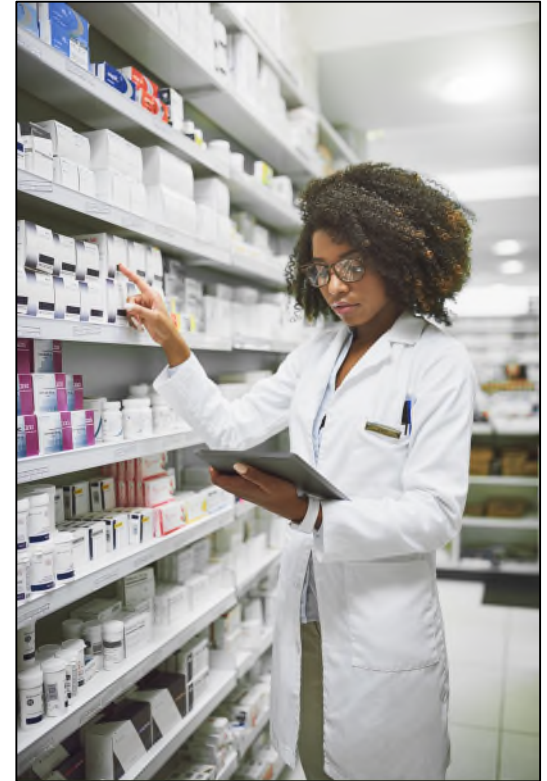


- Over 800 Organizations Have integrated PDMP access
- Currently, 53% of Prescribers who are Prescribing Controlled Substances Have Integrated PDMP access
- 71% of Colorado Pharmacies Have Integrated PDMP Access
- 61% of Prescriber Searches and 87% of Pharmacist Searches in Q2 2023 were via Integrated Means



PDMP Registration Rates

- All Colorado Licensed Pharmacists Must Register and Maintain an Account with the PDMP
- All Colorado Licensed Providers with a DEA Registration Must Register and Maintain an account with the PDMP
- Currently, Practitioners and Pharmacists with a PDMP Registration Requirement Must Attest During License Renewal That They are Registered with the Colorado PDMP



PDMP Registration Rates



92% of Pharmacists
Licensed in Colorado are
Registered with the
Colorado PDMP

84% of Practitioners
Licensed in Colorado with
an Active DEA license are
Registered with the
Colorado PDMP



PDMP Registration Rates



- Of the Unregistered Practitioners Licensed in Colorado with an Active DEA License, **67% Had Not Prescribed Any Controlled Substances Over The Past Year And 18% Had Prescribed 24 Or Fewer Controlled Substances Over The Past Year**
- 94% of Controlled Substance Prescriptions Reported to the Colorado PDMP Were Written by a Practitioner who is Registered with the Colorado PDMP
- Of the Unregistered Practitioners Licensed in Colorado with an Active DEA License, **36% Hold a DEA License That Lists an Out-of-State Practice Address**



Why Providers Don't Register



- They Don't Prescribe Controlled Substances, Even Though They Maintain a DEA License
- Practice Out of State and are Registered with Their Home State's PDMP
- Are Retired but Have Kept their License and DEA Registration Active
- Work in a Non-Patient Care Setting

Currently the Law Doesn't Provide Any Exceptions to the PDMP Registration Requirement for Pharmacists and DEA-Licensed Practitioners Licensed in CO



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Thank You



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