



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

TO: Washington State Licensed Prescribers and Pharmacists
FROM: Washington State Department of Health
DATE: December 12, 2011 (**CORRECTED INFO FROM THE 11/21/11 MAILING**)
SUBJECT: Requesting Patient Prescription Information from Prescription Review

Access to Patient Controlled Substance History

The Washington State Department of Health (department) is pleased to provide a tool to improve patient care and help to assure patient safety.

Chapter 70.225 RCW, authorized the department to establish the Washington State Prescription Monitoring Program, also known as Prescription Review. Under chapter 246-470 WAC, pharmacists, prescribers, and licensed health care practitioners authorized by a prescriber can obtain information about a patient's controlled substance dispensing records. A practitioner may only request the information if it is related to providing medical or pharmaceutical care to a patient.

Practitioners and pharmacists will have secure 24/7 access to review this information through the Prescription Review Web site. The information provided will allow a practitioner to look for duplicate prescribing, misuse, drug interactions, and other potential concerns.

How to Register for access to Prescription Review

1. On or after December 12, 2011, visit the following site (<http://www.wapmp.org/practitioner/pharmacist/>) to register by following the steps in the *Training Guide for Practitioners and Pharmacists* posted there.
2. If you have a Washington State health care provider license, fill out the online form and submit it. If you are an out-of-state practitioner or are unable to successfully submit the form online, complete the form online, submit the information, print the form, have it notarized, and send it by mail to: Washington PMP | PO Box 47852 | Olympia, WA 98504-7852.
3. If we approve your account online, the system will send you an e-mail on or after January 4, 2012 containing your logon information. If you mail a notarized form, we will send your logon information once we review and verify your information.

Accessing Patient Controlled Substance Information

1. On January 4, 2012 we will activate all accounts for access. Go to the Prescription Review Web site (www.wapmp.org) and click the Practitioner/Pharmacist link.
2. Click the Practitioner and Pharmacist Query Site link, and then log on using your credentials you received when your account was approved.
3. Use the *Training Guide for Practitioners and Pharmacists* to locate the instructions for viewing patient prescription information.

If you dispense controlled substances out of your office you need to submit that information to the program. Review the following web page (<http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/PMP/dispensers.htm>) for details on how to provide this information.

If you need any technical assistance, please call Health Information Designs, Inc. (the WA PMP Vendor Helpdesk) at 877.719.3121, or send an e-mail to wapmp-info@hidinc.com. If you have policy-related questions please contact the WA PMP Director, Chris Baumgartner at 360.236.4806, or send an e-mail to: prescriptionmonitoring@doh.wa.gov.