

Overview

State law, RCW 70.225, authorized the Washington State Department of Health to establish the Washington State Prescription Monitoring Program (WA PMP). Pharmacies and practitioners that dispense Schedules II, III, IV, and V controlled substances in Washington State, or to an address in the state, began required reporting to the WA PMP on October 7, 2011.

The WA PMP, also known as Prescription Review, promotes public health and safety and helps improve patient care. Practitioners and pharmacists have access for reviewing patient prescription histories to help determine appropriate medical treatment and referral needs.

Dispenser Definition

Dispenser means a practitioner or pharmacy that delivers to the ultimate user a schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance or other drugs identified by the Board of Pharmacy in WAC 246-470-020.

It does **not** include:

- A practitioner or other authorized person who only administers, as defined in RCW 69.41.010, a controlled substance or other drugs identified by the Board of Pharmacy in WAC 246-470-020; or
- A licensed wholesale distributor or manufacturer, as defined in chapter 18.64 RCW, of a controlled substance or other drugs identified by the Board of Pharmacy in WAC 246-470-020.
- A veterinarian licensed under chapter 18.92 RCW. Data submission requirements for veterinarians are in WAC 246-470-035.

Frequency and Format

Dispensers must submit data weekly, and veterinarians quarterly, using the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy (ASAP) format version specified in the dispenser implementation guides (see website below).

Dispenser Action Steps for Compliance

1. Logon to the Prescription Review data site (www.wapmp.org) and read the appropriate Dispenser Implementation Guide. (Note: there are two — one for veterinarians and one for pharmacies/prescribers).
2. Create an account for submitting data to the program.
3. If necessary, begin working as soon as possible with your dispensing software vendor to make necessary updates and begin testing with our PMP vendor followed by regular data submission.

For Questions

Technical Assistance: Health Information Designs, Inc. (HID) hosts the Prescription Review data site. It is a nationally-recognized leader in the PMP and healthcare automation solutions and services industry. If you need any technical assistance with the system, please call HID's WA PMP Helpdesk at 877-719-3121, or send an e-mail to wapmp-info@hidinc.com.

Policy or Programmatic: If you have policy related questions please contact the WA PMP Director at 360-236-4806, or at prescriptionmonitoring@doh.wa.gov.