

Dear Prescriber...

-  Is this the first time you are prescribing a controlled substance to your patient?
-  Are you prescribing an opioid or benzodiazepine medication?
-  Do you suspect that your patient is abusing or diverting his/her controlled substance medication(s)?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above, you are required to query your patient in the Pennsylvania PDMP system.

Why?

- To ensure that patients are not misusing their controlled substances.
- To link patients to proper care, if needed.
- To aid law enforcement officials about illicit drug use or misuse.

Not registered for the Pennsylvania PDMP system yet?

- As of January 1, 2017, all licensed prescribers and pharmacists in Pennsylvania are required to register with the Pennsylvania PDMP.
- Please visit the [Pennsylvania PDMP registration page](#)¹ to begin your registration. Registration will take less than 5 minutes.
- **Prescribers:** You will need your personal Drug Enforcement Administration number and your Pennsylvania Professional License number. Prescribers without a Drug Enforcement Administration number must also register for the PDMP (see the [Registration Manual](#)² for more information).
- Access to delegates can also be given, however, a separate registration is required.

Resources for more information:

- [Registration Manual](#)²
- [How to Search and Identify “Red Flags”](#)³
- [Data Submission Dispenser Guide](#)⁴
- [Delegate Policies](#)⁵
- [Delegate Registration Manual](#)⁶
- [How to Search for your Patient Across State Lines](#)⁷

¹ <http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/PaPrescriptionDrugMonitoringProgram/Pages/Register.aspx>

² <http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/PaPrescriptionDrugMonitoringProgram/Documents/PAPDMP-UserRegistrationTutorial.pdf>

³ <http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/PaPrescriptionDrugMonitoringProgram/Documents/PAPDMP-PatientRecordQueryandWarningSigns.pdf>

⁴ http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/PaPrescriptionDrugMonitoringProgram/Documents/PAPDMP_DispenserGuide_v4.pdf

⁵ http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/PaPrescriptionDrugMonitoringProgram/Documents/PAPDMP-Delegate_Policies.pdf

⁶ <http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/PaPrescriptionDrugMonitoringProgram/Documents/PAPDMP-DelegateRegistrationTutorial.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/PaPrescriptionDrugMonitoringProgram/Pages/interstate.aspx>