

Georgia DPH

# Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

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# Discussion Today

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# What is the PDMP?

The Georgia Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) is an electronic database used to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances. The purpose of the PDMP shall be to assist in the reduction of the abuse of controlled substances; to improve, enhance, and encourage a better quality of health care by promoting the proper use of medications to treat pain and terminal illness; to reduce duplicative prescribing and overprescribing of controlled substance practices for health oversight purposes; and to gather data for epidemiological research. Part 2 Section 16-13-57

# What is the PDMP

The PDMP is a database that shows the details of every prescription drug order that has been filled in Georgia, organized by patient. A person authorized to access the PDMP can look up a particular person and see that person's entire prescription history for the previous two years. The prescription information in the PDMP is kept current – it will display information on a prescription filled within the last twenty-four hours. The PDMP displays information on all Schedule II – V prescriptions.

The PDMP is accessed through an online portal that requires an approved user name and password.

Recent Legislative Mandates:

**2017 HOUSE BILL 249**

**2018 SENATE BILL 407**

# GA PDMP Legislative Mandates (2017)

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## Before House Bill 249

- Established in 2011 by GA Legislature
- Purpose of PDMP
  - Reduce abuse of controlled substances
  - Ensure legitimate use of controlled substances to treat pain and terminal illness
  - Reduce duplicative prescribing and overprescribing
- Georgia licensed dispensers required to submit information for Schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substance prescriptions weekly

## After House Bill 249

- **July 1, 2017** - DPH begins administration of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)
- **July 1, 2017**- Dispensers required to enter prescription information into PDMP within 24 hours of dispensing controlled substance
- **January 1, 2018** – Mandatory that all Prescribers register in the PDMP
- **July 1, 2018** – Prescribers required to check PDMP for any patient prior to prescribing opiates or cocaine derivatives in Schedule II drugs or benzodiazepines

# GA PDMP Legislative Mandates (2018)

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## **Before SB 407**

Delegates required to register with GA Pharmacy Board and with the GA PDMP

Cannot share PDMP Data with more States- currently share with AL, SC, MA & ND

Cannot share PDMP Data with Law Enforcement Officers outside of the state of GA

Not able to share PDMP data with Provider Networks

## **After SB 407**

When signed by Governor: PDMP only

When signed by Governor: Will be able to share with any State

When signed by Governor: Will be able to share

When signed by Governor: Will be able to share with Provider Networks

Integration Funding?

# Registration Requirements

When: By **January 1, 2018**

Who: Prescribers with active DEA numbers and are licensed in Georgia (Code Section 16-13-57)

Medical Doctors

Physician Assistants

Nurse Practitioners

Optometrists

Dentists

Podiatrists

Note: Prescribers who attain a DEA Registration after such date shall enroll within 30 days of attaining such credentials (16-18-57-c)

How: GA PMP Aware – Click on “Create an Account” then continue and follow instructions

How long does it take: Less than **15** minutes



Browsers Supported    (8+)



# Registration Requirements

Registration

Roles

Users

## Registration Information:

Name

Date of Birth

Last 4 of Social

Medical License Number

DEA Number

NPI Number

Advanced Options ▾

Search using Advanced Options

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Birthday:

Role:

Personal DEA:

National Provider ID:

Identifier Status:

Invalid  Valid

Delegate Status:

None  Pending  Approved

Validation Status:

Not Required  Pending  Complete

# Legislative Mandates – Code References

16-13-63 (2)(A) – On and after **July 1, 2018** when a prescriber is prescribing a controlled substance listed in paragraph (1) or (2) of Code Section 16-13-26 or benzodiazepines, he or she shall seek and review information from the PDMP the first time he or she issues such prescription to a patient and thereafter at least once every 90 days, unless...

Exemptions from checking include:

1. Prescriptions for no more than 3 days of a covered substance and no more than 26 pills
2. The patient is in a hospital or health care facility, etc., where prescriptions are administered and used by a patient on the premises of the facility
3. Patient has had outpatient surgery and the prescription is for no more than a 10 day supply and no more than 40 pills
4. Patient is terminally ill or under supervised care of an outpatient hospice program; or
5. Patient is receiving treatment for cancer

# Registration Status

To date: 88% or about 32,000

Additional work underway to register remaining 12%:

Provided names and DEA numbers to various Boards to follow up

Sharing information with medical organizations and associations

Verifying prescriber lists for hospitals and other medical offices

(Open for suggestions)

2011 to June 2017:	20832	(over 5 years)	Voluntary Registration
July 2017 to date:	22884	(10 months)	Mandatory Registration

# PDMP Registration



PDMP management moves to DPH July 1, 2017



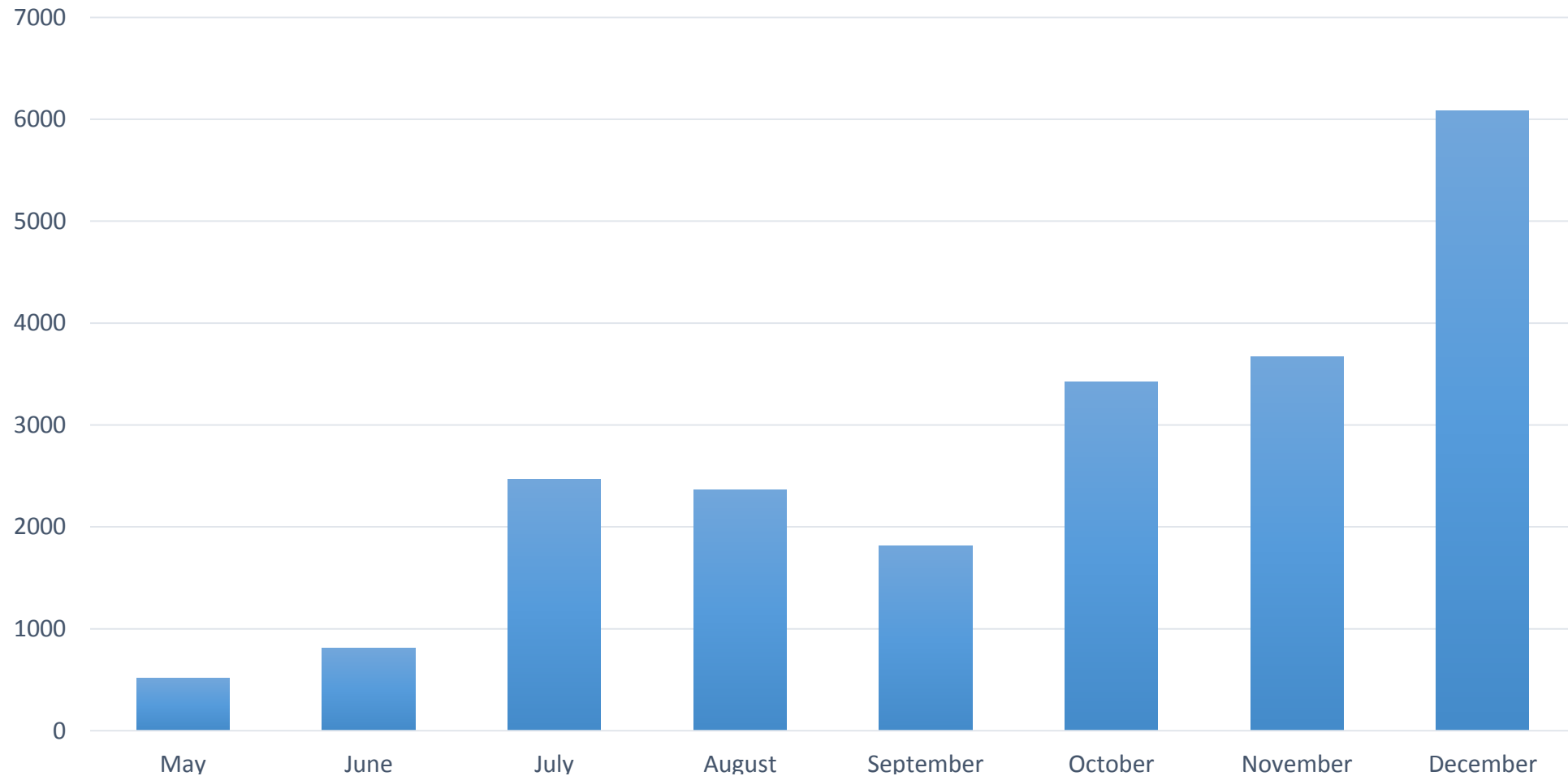
Reminder letter to prescribers and dispensers about Jan. 1, 2018 registration deadline



November 2017 assess registration status and target efforts to ensure compliance

# Monthly Registrations

## PDMP Approved Accounts



# How to Use the PDMP?

## Quick Reference Guide – Making a Request in PMP AWARxE

1. Go to the PMP AWARxE login page (<https://georgia.pmpaware.net/login>). If a password reset is needed, use the "Reset Password" link.

2. Once you're logged in, select the RxSearch tab, then choose Patient Request.

3. Enter search criteria.

At a minimum, you must provide:

- **First name** (full or partial\*)
- **Last name** (full or partial\*)
- **Date of birth** (must be in MM/DD/YYYY format)
- **Prescription fill dates** (must be in MM/DD/YYYY format)

4. Click **Search** at the bottom of the screen to submit your request.

5. Matching patient history will now display. If **multiple patients** are identified, you will be presented with the option to **refine your search** by providing additional search information or you can select a **single, multiple, or all returned patient groups** to include in your patient prescription request results.

6. Click on "Run Report", the patient prescription results will be displayed.

7. Print form by clicking on the PDF button or convert the form to a CSV (Microsoft Excel) file. You may retrieve your searches and the search results of any delegates by clicking on the Requests History tab.

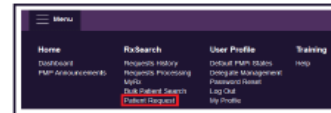
### Search Tips:

- **\*Partial Spelling:** Using Partial Spelling can be helpful for hyphenated or commonly abbreviated names (Will vs. William). At a minimum, enter the first three characters of the patient's first and/or last name.

- **Prescription Fill Dates** - The maximum time period for your search is 60 months.

- **PMP Interconnect Search** - allows you to search other participating state databases for the patient's records.

- To improve the likelihood of finding a specific patient:
  - For out-of-state searches – Limit your search criteria to only the required fields.
  - For in-state searches – In addition to the required details, include additional details such as ZIP code.

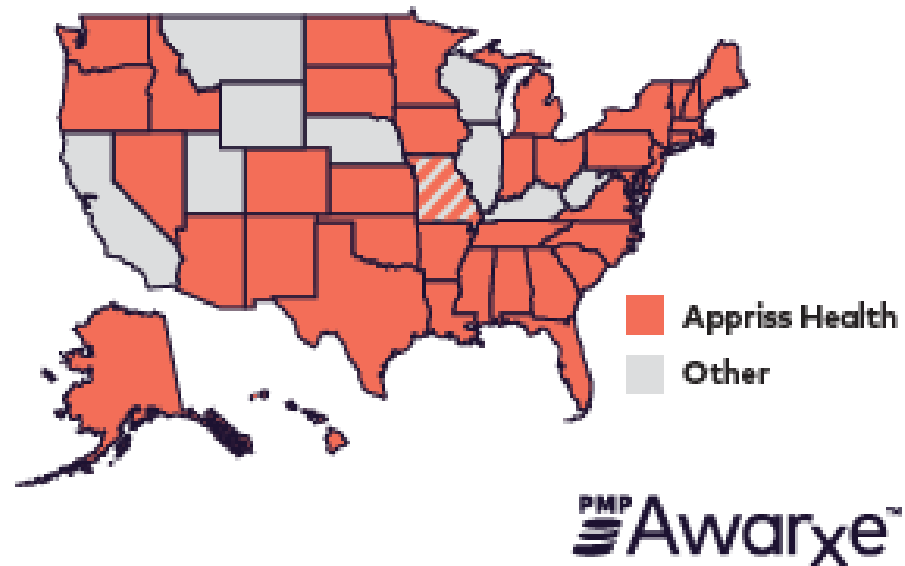


# PDMP Delegates

- HB 249 / 16-13-60(5)(A) Provides guidance on Delegate use of the PDMP
  - Not more than two individuals who are members per shift or rotation of the prescriber's or dispenser's staff or employed at the health care facility in which prescriber is practicing
- 2018 SB407 Change for Delegates
  - Will not be required to register with the Board of Pharmacy
- DPH Rules and Regulations for Delegates
  - Available on the DPH Website and attached to the PDMP Delegate Role when registering
- As a Prescriber you will need to:
  1. Electronically approve the Delegate registration in the PDMP as supervisor
  2. Sign the signature page of the rules and regulations indicating that you have ensured that your delegate has read the information and understand the requirements. The Delegate Responsibility Statement Sheet must be uploaded into the PDMP with the Delegate Registration

# National PDMP's

With the exception of Missouri (50 of 115 counties) every state has a statewide PDMP  
Appriss Health provides the platform for 42 of 52 PDMP's in the US





# PDMP Improvements

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- Implemented Clinical Alerts
  - Number of prescribers and dispensers over a period of time (5/5/90)
  - Active opioid and benzodiazepine prescription at the same time
- 2018 Legislation – SB407
  - Simplifies delegate registration
  - Allows DPH to share pdmp information in the PDMP with other States
  - Allows DPH to share pdmp information in the PDMP with law enforcement from other states
  - Allows DPH to share pdmp information in the PDMP with electronic health records
- “How To” training video and written instructions for prescribers
- “Understanding Your Responsibilities” for Delegates
- System test for reliability
- Ongoing outreach
- PDMP Annual Report with deidentified data for 2016 and 2017 “Summer of 2018”
- 16-13-57(d) Mandatory first Check **July 1, 2018**

# Test for Understanding – Question 1

I do not have to register in the GA PDMP because I seldom prescribe opioids to Georgia patients.

True

False

## Question 2

I have three administrative staffers in my office and I want all of them to have access to the PDMP so that they can look up patient information for me.

True

False

# Question 3

I applied for and received my DEA number in February which is after January 1, 2018 so I am not required to register in the GA PDMP.

- True
- False

# Question 4

As a Prescriber, it is my responsibility to enter prescription information correctly in the PDMP so that the information it contains is correct.

True

False

# Question 5

The PDMP Support staff is who I should call to find out if the PDMP list of benzodiazepines also include Ambien and Lunesta.

- True
- False

# Congratulations You Passed!

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