



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

ATTN: NOTIFICATION TO PRACTITIONERS OF NEW REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT PRESCRIPTION MONITORING SYSTEM (CPMRS)

January 17, 2014

Dear Practitioner,

On June 21, 2013, Connecticut Public Act 13-172 was signed into law and went into effective on that date. This Public Act establishes certain modifications to the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS), one of which will affect all practitioners; the second will only affect a minority of prescribers.

First, with passage of this act all prescribers in possession of a Connecticut Controlled Substance Practitioner (CSP) registration issued by the State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection, are now required to register as a user with the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS). The registration web site is: www.ctpmp.com. The CPMRS was designed for prescribers and pharmacists to use as a tool to provide better care to their patients and to reduce addiction, abuse and overdose. There is no cost for registering or accessing the system.

CPMRS Benefits:

- Comprehensive patient controlled substance prescription records.
- Ability to review prescribing history reports to identify possible forgeries.
- Post alerts on particular situations or patients concerning misuse, diversion or abuse of controlled substances.
- Access to patients' controlled substance history reports from other states.

Second, requires any prescribers who dispense controlled substances from their practice, or facility, etc., to upload dispensing information into the CPMRS Data Collection website at www.ctrxreport.com. The dispensing information will be uploaded to Optimum Technology, Inc. (Optimum), a private contractor who is authorized to collect all data and manage the technical aspects of the program. All dispensing information must be submitted to the program at least once a week. Optimum will forward the verified data to the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection.

The information that is required to be uploaded is only for controlled substances dispensed by the practitioner or their practice and does not include samples or prescriptions that are subsequently dispensed from a licensed pharmacy.

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TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf): (860) 713-7240

Internet Web Site: <http://www.ct.gov/dcp>

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Other exemptions to reporting include:

- To hospital inpatients from an institutional pharmacy or pharmacist's drug room operated by a facility (exemption does not apply to assisted living) or;
- A practitioner that dispenses or administers directly to patients an opioid agonist for treatment of a substance use disorder from a registrant licensed under Conn. General Statutes Sec. 19a-495 (Methadone Clinic).
- Any drug dispensed by a licensed health care facility; provided that the quantity dispensed is limited to an amount adequate to treat the patient for a maximum of forty-eight (48) hours.
- A drug administered directly to a patient.
- Dispensing to inpatients in hospices (exemption does not apply to home hospice or hospice in an assisted living facility).

To assist prescribers in properly uploading the required information, the Program has made available the CPMRS data reporting manual on the following website: www.ct.gov/dcp/pmp. This manual contains all the information necessary to successfully upload the dispensing data into the CPMRS data collection website, including data submission options available to prescribers such as electronic, disk, manual or paper.

Please contact your central office, vendor or programmer and inform them of this notification. If you have any technical issues regarding uploading the data to our secure website, please contact our vendor (Optimum Technology, Inc.) at (866) 683-3246.

As these changes went into effect on the date the Public Acts were signed into law, your immediate attention to this matter is strongly urged. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have about these changes. Finally, the Department will begin enforcement procedures within the next few weeks. Failure to comply with Public Act 13-172 may result in civil penalties or action against your Controlled Substance Practitioner (CSP) license.

If you have any policy related questions, please contact Xaviel Soto at (860) 713-6073 or e-mail at dcp.pmp@ct.gov. For all other questions, please contact me at (860) 713-6065.

Sincerely,



John Gadea, Jr., Director
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Drug Control Division

CPMRS Registration

Registering for a Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS) Account:

To register for a CPMRS account, visit the CPMRS website at www.ctpmp.com and click on “Not a Member? Register.”

- At the Job selection screen, select “Practitioner” and include your federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number.
- Provide your basic contact information along with your medical license number (do not include your NPI number).”
- Once the registration application is submitted online, you will receive a confirmation page.
- Print the confirmation page and have the form notarized by a licensed notary.
- Fax the notarized confirmation page along with a copy of your driver’s license, passport, or any government issued photo identification card to 860.622.2608. **Registrations that are mailed in will not be accepted.**
- Once your registration has been processed, your username and password will be e-mailed to the address provided on the form.

For questions regarding registration, please contact the CPMRS administrator at 860.713.6073.

Note: Medical residents must select “Resident” in the Job selection screen and include only the hospital DEA number (ex. AB1234567).

CPMRS Data Collection Registration

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- At the Job selection screen, select “Practitioner Up-loader”
- Provide your basic contact information along with your federal your federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number.
- Once the registration application is submitted online, you will receive a confirmation page with a telephone number.
- Contact the number located on the top of the form to receive your username and password. **Do not** have the confirmation page notarized.

For questions regarding registration, please contact the Optimum Technology at (866) 683-3246.

Note: Registration for this website is only for controlled substances dispensed by the practitioner or their practice and does not include samples or prescriptions that are subsequently dispensed from a licensed pharmacy. Also, excludes any controlled substances dispensed to hospital inpatients from an institutional pharmacy or pharmacist’s drug room operated by a facility. In addition, a practitioner that dispenses or administers directly to patients an opioid antagonist for treatment of a substance use disorder from a registrant licensed under Conn. General Statutes Sec. 19a-495 (Methadone Clinics).