PDMPs Administrators’ Forum
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Upcoming meetings
Legislative Updates

Overview of Legislation and Proposed Regulations

- 33 federal bills introduced
  - 4 enacted
  - 1 pending (HR 6 presented to President on 10/16)
- 224 state bills introduced
  - 78 enacted
- 110 state regulations introduced
  - 62 adopted
Legislative Updates

Highlights of Enacted Federal Legislation

• HR 5515—John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act
  • Creates the Military Health System PDMP
    • Emphasis on drugs provided through facilities of the uniformed services
    • Shall be comparable to state PDMPs and applicable to designated controlled substance prescriptions under the pharmacy benefits program
    • Requires the Secretary of Defense to establish appropriate procedures for the bidirectional sharing of information between the Military Health System PDMP and state PDMPs

• SB 2372—Department of Veterans Affairs Participation in PDMPs
  • Any health-care provider employed by the department who is licensed, certified, or registered within any state to fill or prescribe medications within the scope of his/her practice as a department employee, or that employee’s delegate, shall be considered an authorized recipient or user for the purpose of querying and receiving data from the national network of state-based PDMPs
  • Notwithstanding any state provision of law or rule, no state may restrict licensed health-care providers or their delegates from accessing the state’s PDMP
  • “National network of state-based PDMPs” means an interconnected nationwide system that facilitates the transfer of state PDMP data across state lines
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Highlights of Enacted Federal Legislation

• SB 3479—Department of Veterans Affairs Participation in PDMPS
  • Amends the language of SB 2372
  • Includes individual state or regional PDMPs as programs that health-care providers and their delegates may access

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Highlights of Pending Federal Legislation

• HR 6—SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act
  • The state agency administering the state Medicaid plan shall have reasonable access, as determined by the state, to the state PDMP
  • Beginning October 1, 2021, states shall require Medicaid providers to query the PDMP before prescribing a controlled substance to a covered patient
Legislative Updates

Highlights of Pending Federal Legislation

• HR 5812—Creating opportunities that necessitate new and enhanced connections that improve Opioid Navigation Strategies Act
  • CDC may provide training and technical assistance and award grants to states, localities, and Indian tribes for the purpose of carrying out evidence-based prevention activities
    • Improving the efficiency and use of the state PDMP
    • Collecting prescription dispensing data in as close to real time as possible
    • Automatic flags for potential misuse or abuse
    • Enhancing interoperability between the PDMP and EHR systems
    • Facilitating interstate data sharing

• HR 5865—Related to obligations of grant recipients
  • Require practitioners to query the PDMP prior to writing a prescription for any controlled substance
  • Require dispensing data be reported within 24 hours
  • Allow the use of delegates
  • Provide information regarding patient referrals to treatment
  • Establish formal data sharing agreements for interstate sharing
  • Authorize direct access for law enforcement, licensing boards
  • Not less than four times per year, provide informational reports on aggregate trends and individual outliers to state entities, the Medicaid agency, and the department of health of the state
Legislative Updates

Highlights of Pending Federal Legislation

• HR 6688—ALERT Act of 2018
  • Creates the Prescription Safety Alert System
    • Collect and maintain prescription dispensing information
    • Deliver information about a patient's prescription and dispensing history to dispensers in summary form
    • Provide information in real time
    • Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment, the Secretary shall require that covered drug products be dispensed using the Prescription Safety Alert System

Highlights of Enacted State Legislation

• Interstate Data Sharing
  • California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky (amended to allow sharing with any jurisdiction, county, or political subdivision)
• Data Reporting Interval
  • Montana (daily)
• Mandatory Registration
  • Arizona (pharmacists); Oregon (practitioners)
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Highlights of Enacted State Legislation

• Other Reporting to PDMP
  • Delaware (promulgation of rules to combine nonfatal overdose data with PDMP data)
  • Idaho and Iowa (opioid antagonists)
  • Illinois (medical cannabis)
  • Rhode Island (voluntary nonopioid directive form)
  • Utah (cannabidiol/cannabinoid product)
  • Virginia (naloxone, cannabidiol oil, THC-A oil)

• Mandatory Queries
  • Arizona (dispensers and pharmacists at a remote dispensing site before dispensing a Schedule II substance)
  • Colorado (podiatrists, dentists, physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice nurses, optometrists, veterinarians before prescribing a second fill of an opioid prescription)
  • Florida (prescribers and dispensers before prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance to a patient aged 16 years or older)
  • Hawaii (practitioners before prescribing a Schedule II – IV)
  • Illinois (prescribers before prescribing a Schedule II narcotic)
  • Indiana (prior to prescribing an opioid or benzodiazepine; staggered enactment dates)
  • Iowa (practitioners before prescribing an opioid)
  • Maine (veterinarians before dispensing an opioid or benzodiazepine)
Legislative Updates

Highlights of Enacted State Legislation

• Mandatory Queries, continued
  • Massachusetts (adds benzodiazepines to substances that trigger query requirement)
  • Tennessee (practitioners dispensing buprenorphine)
  • West Virginia (physicians prior to dispensing or prescribing any medication-assisted treatment medications)

• EHR Integration
  • Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, Washington

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• Bill information with links to all of the bills will be available on the TTAC website
CDC Update

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Open Forum

- Integration queries
- Naloxone vs. overdose reporting
- Dispensing prescriber compliance
- Patient matching
- Data quality

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