PDMP TTAC
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Training and Technical Assistance Center

Alabama

PDMP acronym:	Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	Region:	South
Agency Responsible:	Alabama Department of Public Health		
Agency Type:	Department of Health		

PDMP Web Resources/Links

PDMP Website:	https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pdmp/
PDMP Email:	pdmp@adph.state.al.us
PDMP Register Website:	https://alabama.pmpaware.net
User Account Manual:	https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pdmp/assets/requestorusersupportmanual.pdf
PDMP Query Website:	https://alabama.pmpaware.net
PDMP Data Upload Website:	https://pmpclearinghouse.net
Data Upload Manual:	https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pdmp/assets/datasubmissiondispenserguide.pdf
Statute/Regulation Website:	https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pdmp/laws.html
Opioid Guidelines Website:	https://www.albme.org/csfaq.html
PDMP FAQs:	
Integration Guidance:	https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pdmp/ehr_integration.html
PDMP Statistics Website:	https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pdmp/statistics.html
Opioid Dashboard Website:	
Training Website:	https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pdmp/training-videos.html; http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pdmp/database-instruction-manuals.html

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State Population and Number of Registrants

State population: 5,098,746   DEA Prescriber total: 19,391   DEA Dispenser total: 1,536

Data Transmitter(s)

Dispensing Practitioner

Pharmacy (Mail Order In-State)

Pharmacy (Other Out of State)

Pharmacy (In-State)

Pharmacy (Mail Order Out of State)

Substances Monitored

Drugs of Concern

Schedules II - V

Alternate Data Sources

Available Reports

Dispenser Reports to Law Enforcement

Geomapping of Prescription Data

MME Calculations

Patient Query Lists to Dispensers

Patient Query Lists to Prescribers

Patient Reports to Law Enforcement

Patient Reports to Prescribers

Peer Comparison Reports

Prescriber Reports to Law Enforcement

Registrant Query Lists to Licensing Boards

Risk Scores

Drug Trend Reports

Licensee Reports to Licensing Board

Multiple Provider Episode Reports

Patient Query Lists to Licensing Boards

Patient Reports to Dispensers

Patient Reports to Licensing Boards

Patient Reports with Summary Data

Prescriber Report Cards

Prescription Drug Combinations

Registrant Reports to Prescribers

Statewide Statistics

Statistical Capabilities

- ☑ # of Prescription Filled
- ☑ # of Prescriptions Filled by CS Schedule
- ☑ # of Prescriptions Filled by Drug Class
- ☑ Statistics Filtered by Age or Age Range
- ☐ Statistics Filtered by Ethnicity or Race

- ☑ # of Authorized PDMP Users Enrolled
- ☑ # of Registrants in SDTC
- ☑ # of Registrants in SDTC by Practice/License Type

- ☐ # of Data Errors by Error Type
- ☐ # of Data Errors Corrected
- ☐ # of At-Risk Patients by Risk Factor
- ☐ Risk Factor Statistics by Time Frame

- ☑ # of Solicited Prescriber Reports
- ☑ # of Solicited Prescriber Reports by Requestor Type
- ☑ # of Unsolicited Prescriber Reports
- ☑ # of Unsolicited Prescriber Reports by Recipient Type
- ☑ # of Solicited Dispenser Reports
- ☑ # of Solicited Dispenser Reports by Requestor Type
- ☑ # of Unsolicited Dispenser Reports
- ☑ # of Unsolicited Dispenser Reports by Recipient Type
- ☑ # of Solicited Patient Reports
- ☑ # of Solicited Patient Reports by Requestor Type
- ☑ # of Unsolicited Patient Reports
- ☑ # of Unsolicited Patient Reports by Recipient Type

- ☑ # of Dosage Units Dispensed
- ☑ # of Dosage Units Dispensed by CS Schedule
- ☑ # of Dosage Units Dispensed by Drug Class
- ☑ Statistics Filtered by Gender Identification
- ☑ Statistics Filtered by Geographic Location

- ☑ # of Prescribers Enrolled in PDMP by License Type
- ☑ # of Dispensers Enrolled in PDMP by License Type
- ☐ # of Prescribers Enrolled in PDMP by Specialty
- ☑ # of Unique Prescribers
- ☑ # of In-State Queries
- ☑ # of In-State Queries by Requestor Type
- ☑ # of Interstate Queries
- ☑ # of Interstate Queries by Requestor Type
- ☐ # of Positive Matches from Interstate Queries

- ☑ # of Solicited Statistical Reports by Requestor Type
- ☑ # of Unsolicited Statistical Reports by Recipient Type
- ☑ # of Unique Requestors for Solicited Reports
- ☑ # of Unique Requestors by Requestor Type (sol. reports)
- ☑ # of Unique Requestors for Unsolicited Reports
- ☑ # of Unique Recipients by Recipient Type (unsol. reports)

% Out-of-State Patients: 5-10%

% Out-of-State Prescribers: 5-10%

Data Analysis Resources Available:

Epidemiologist

Authorized PDMP Users

Dispensers - Pharmacists/Solicited In-State

Dispensers - Pharmacists/Solicited Out-of-State

Dispensers - Pharmacists/Unsolicited In-State

Law Enforcement - Federal/Solicited In-State

Law Enforcement - Local/Solicited In-State

Law Enforcement - State/Solicited In-State

Medicaid Drug Utilization and Review/Solicited In-State

Medicaid Fraud and Abuse/Solicited In-State

Medical Residents/Solicited In-State

Medical Residents/Unsolicited In-State

Nurse Practitioners/Solicited In-State

Nurse Practitioners/Solicited Out-of-State

Nurse Practitioners/Unsolicited In-State

Physician Assistants/Solicited In-State

Physician Assistants/Solicited Out-of-State

Physician Assistants/Unsolicited In-State

Prescriber Delegates - Licensed/Solicited In-State

Prescriber Delegates - Unlicensed/Solicited In-State

Prescribers/Solicited In-State

Prescribers/Solicited Out-of-State

Prescribers/Unsolicited In-State

Regulatory and Licensing Boards/Solicited In-State

State Health Departments/Solicited In-State

Engaged PDMP Users

Dispensers - Pharmacists/Solicited In-State

Dispensers - Pharmacists/Unsolicited In-State

Law Enforcement - Federal/Solicited In-State

Law Enforcement - Local/Solicited In-State

Law Enforcement - State/Solicited In-State

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Physician Assistants/Unsolicited In-State

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Prescribers/Unsolicited In-State

Regulatory and Licensing Boards/Solicited In-State

Regulatory and Licensing Boards/Unsolicited In-State

Budget

Total Annual Budget:	$1,400,000.00	**PDMP Staff:**	1
# of Employees - Operational:	1	# of Employees - Other:	0
# of Employees - Technical:	0		
# of Employees - Analytical:	0		

Funding Source(s)

CDC Grant   Controlled Substance Registration Fee
State General Fund

Technologies

Data Collection Entity:	Vendor	☐ State HIE in place
Data Collection Vendor name:	Bamboo Health	☑ RxCheck Integration Allowed
Data Storage Entity:	Vendor	☑ VHA VISTA integration
Data Storage Vendor name:	Bamboo Health	☐ HL7 FHIR connectivity
Report Generation Entity:	Vendor	ASAP Version Utilized: 4.2B
Report Generation Vendor name:	Bamboo Health	
Data Access Method:	Web Portal/On-Line	
Data Access Entity:	Vendor	
Data Access Vendor name:	Bamboo Health	

Patient Matching

☐ Referential Matching   ☑ Exact Matching
☐ Deterministic Matching   ☑ Probablistic Matching
☑ Manual Matching   ☑ Probablistic and Manual Matching
☐ Other Matching

☐ Access to patient matching algorithms

Patient Matching Metrics Available:
Patient matching data elements:

Integration(s) Available

Integration Type	% Providers	Hub Used	Paid by Fed Gov't	Paid by State Gov't	Paid by Facility	Paid by Provider
EHR Integration	50-74%	PMPi		Per User		

☐ Data Downloaded/Stored   ☐ Data Manipulated for Analysis
☑ Data Incorporated with Interstate Data ☐ Multistate Integrations Allowed

Integration Standards:

Integration Type	% Providers	Hub Used	Paid by Fed Gov't	Paid by State Gov't	Paid by Facility	Paid by Provider
HIE Integration	0-24%	PMPi				

☐ Data Downloaded/Stored   ☐ Data Manipulated for Analysis
☑ Data Incorporated with Interstate Data ☐ Multistate Integrations Allowed

Integration Standards:

Integration Type	% Providers	Hub Used	Paid by Fed Gov't	Paid by State Gov't	Paid by Facility	Paid by Provider
PDS Integration	25-49%	PMPi		Per User		

☐ Data Downloaded/Stored   ☐ Data Manipulated for Analysis

☑ Data Incorporated with Interstate Data   ☐ Multistate Integrations Allowed

Integration Standards:

Interstate Data Sharing Partner(s)

Arizona	PMPi Hub
Arkansas	PMPi Hub
Colorado	PMPi Hub
Connecticut	PMPi Hub
Delaware	PMPi Hub
District of Columbia	PMPi Hub
Florida	PMPi Hub
Georgia	PMPi Hub
Georgia	RxCheck Hub
Idaho	PMPi Hub
Illinois	RxCheck Hub
Indiana	PMPi Hub
Iowa	PMPi Hub
Kansas	PMPi Hub
Kentucky	PMPi Hub
Kentucky	RxCheck Hub
Louisiana	PMPi Hub
Maine	PMPi Hub
Maryland	PMPi Hub
Maryland	RxCheck Hub
Massachusetts	PMPi Hub
Michigan	PMPi Hub
Military Health Service	PMPi Hub
Minnesota	PMPi Hub
Mississippi	PMPi Hub
Nevada	PMPi Hub
New York	PMPi Hub
North Carolina	PMPi Hub
North Dakota	PMPi Hub
Ohio	PMPi Hub
Oklahoma	PMPi Hub
Pennsylvania	PMPi Hub
Pennsylvania	RxCheck Hub
Puerto Rico	PMPi Hub
Rhode Island	PMPi Hub
South Carolina	PMPi Hub
South Carolina	RxCheck Hub
South Dakota	PMPi Hub
Tennessee	PMPi Hub
Texas	PMPi Hub
Virginia	PMPi Hub
Washington	PMPi Hub
Washington	RxCheck Hub
Wyoming	PMPi Hub

PDMP Policies

Enabling legislation enacted:	2005	Data collection frequency:	Daily or next busines
PDMP operational:	2006	☑ Requirement for zero-reporting	
User access date (any method):	2007	Frequency of zero-reporting:	Daily
User electronic access date:	2007		
Date received electronic data:	2006		
Interstate sharing start date:	2012		

Law/Statute citation: AL Code §§20-2-210 to 220; §20-2-91

Regulation/Rule citation: AL Admin Code 420-7-2-.11 to .13; 540-X-4-.04; 540-X-12-.16; 930-X-1-.11 to .13

Dr Shopper law/statute: AL Code § 13A-12-320

Pill Mill law/statute:

Pain Clinic law/statute: AL Code §§ 34-24-600 to 610

Unauthorized Use or Disclosure: AL Code §20-2-216

Enacted 42 CFR Part 2:

42 CFR Part 2 Details:

☐ Required Notification to consumers
☑ Mandated Use of Advisory Group
☑ Payment method captured
☑ Ability to id prescriber specialty
☐ Patient consent required before PDMP data release
☐ Ability for users to set thresholds for alert notices
☐ Ability for users to do user-led alert notices
☐ Mandatory E-Prescribing (EPCS)
☐ Compliance Process for Enrollment Mandates
☐ Compliance Process for Query Mandate
☐ ICD-10 Codes Collected
☐ Deceased Patient Field
☐ Engaged in Academic Detailing
☐ Patient ID Required to be Presented to Dispenser
   Ability to de-id data

☑
☑ Authority to release de-id data
De-identified data sharing conditions:

De-Identified Data Retention Details:
☑ Retain De-Identified Data

Record Retention Details:
☐ Patient Notification of Breach
Patient Breach Notification Method:
Patient Breach Notification Method Other:
E-prescribing required substances:
E-prescribing exemptions/waivers:
Authority to enforce PDMP mandates: Regulatory/Licensing Board

☐ Data Retention Policy
Data Retention Time: 5 years plus current year
☑ All Information Purged
☑ Patient Information Purged
☑ Prescriber Information Purged
☑ Dispenser Information Purged
☑ Drug Information Purged
☑ HIPAA Covered Entity
☐ Identifiable Data to State Health Dept
☐ Identifiable Data to local Health Dept
☑ Certified as CMS Specialized Registry
☑ PDMP Disaster Recovery Plan

ID Types Reported: Patient
                    Person Dropping Off Prescription
                    Person Picking Up Prescription

☐ Written Notification of Breach

Enrollment and Accounts

☑ Superviser Review/audit of Delegate Accounts   Number of Delegates allows: 2
☑ Auto Enroll with License Renewal or App

Enrollment Method:

Application process is online. Physicians with matching criteria are automatically approved. Others are approved upon verification of license and other required criteria

Practitioner IDs for PDMP Account:

DEA controlled substance registration number; Licensing Board number; National Provider Identifier; State controlled substance registration number

2 Factor Authentication:

2 factor authentication not offered

Criteria for Dispensers to get account to upload data

Licensed to dispense controlled substances in Alabama

Criteria for Prescriber delegates to get account:

Minimum criteria for prescriber delegates to obtain PDMP account

Criteria for Dispenser delegates to get account:

Minimum criteria for dispenser delegates to obtain PDMP account

Criteria for PAs to get account:

Authorized to prescribe, administer, or dispense pursuant to a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate.

Criteria for Nurse Practitioners to get account:

Authorized to prescribe, administer, or dispense pursuant to a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate.

Criteria for other users to get account:

Licensed certified nurse midwife: Authorized to prescribe, administer, or dispense pursuant to a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate. Authorized Medicaid representatives.

Requirements for Patients to get PDMP Report:

Requirements for others to get PDMP Report

Criteria for Online Non-healthcare accounts:

Licensing/regulatory Board investigators, law enforcement investigators (federal, state, local)

PDMP Data for Epidemiological Purposes: Authority to Release

☑ Law Enforcement On-line access to PDMP   ☐ Law Enforcement Written Request access to PDMP

Law Enforcement Access Method:

Law Enforcement Access Requirements: Active Investigation

☑ PDMP users validated with DEA Registration File   ☐ PDMP Access without DEA Number
☑ PDMP users validated with NPI File   Validation Process for
☐ PDMP users validated with State Licensing Board File users without DEA #:

Enrollment Mandates

Prescriber - Mandatory PDMP Enrollment

Effective Date(s): March 24, 2010 (regulation); May 8, 2013 (statute)

Details:

Before renewing an Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate, the applicant shall have a current registration to access the Controlled Substances Prescription Database established and maintained by the Alabama Department of Public Health; medical director of pain management clinic

Use Mandates

Prescriber - Mandatory PDMP Use

Effective Date(s): March 9, 2017; April, 30, 2020

Details:

Licensees of the Board of Medical Examiners must check the PDMP twice a year if the MME is greater than 30. If MME is greater than 90, the PDMP must be checked with every prescription. Exemptions to the query requirements: (1) nursing home patients; (2) hospice patients, where the prescription indicates hospice on the physical prescription; (3) when treating a patient for active, malignant pain; or (4) intra-operative patient care. For the purpose of preventing controlled substance diversion, abuse, misuse, addiction, and doctor-shopping, the Board of Podiatry sets forth the following requirements for the use of Alabama's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP): (a) For the controlled substance prescriptions totaling 30 MME or less per day, podiatrists are expected to use the PDMP in the manner consistent with good clinical practice. (b) When prescribing a patient, controlled substances of more than 30 MME per day, podiatrists shall review that patient's prescribing history through the PDMP at least two (2) times per year, and each podiatrist is responsible for documenting the use of risk and abuse mitigation strategies in the patient's medical record. (c) Podiatrists shall query the PDMP to review a patient's prescribing history every time a prescription for more than 90 MME per day is written, on the same day the prescription is written.

Training on Enrollment and Use

Prescriber - Training Provided   In-person; online video; webinar

Licensing Board - Training Provided   In-person; online video; webinar

Law Enforcement - Training Provided   In-person; online video; webinar

Dispenser - Training Provided   In-person; online video; webinar

PDMP Queries

☑ Ability to search for multiple patients in one query   Maximum number of patients in one query: indefinite

Patient Query Date Range: >3 years   Other Query Date Range:

Minimum data elements to query for healthcare user: Last name , first name, date of birth

Query by partial data elements by healthcare user: minimum 3 characters in name

Optional data elements to query by healthcare user: Date of birth range of 6 moths, 1 year, or 2 years, gender, statewide or county, social security number, driver license number, up to three alias names, up to three addresses

Minimum data elements to query for non-healthcare user: Last name , first name, date of birth

Query by partial data elements by non-healthcare user: minimum 3 characters in name

Optional data elements to query by non-healthcare user: Date of birth range of 6 moths, 1 year, or 2 years, gender, statewide or county, social security number, driver license number, up to three alias names, up to three addresses

Unsolicited Reports/Push Notifications

Frequency unsolicited alerts/reports generated: Monthly

Delivery method for unsolicited alerts/reports: Mailed out

Delivery method for unsolicited alerts/reports - LE:

Delivery method for unsolicited alerts/reports - Boards:

☑ Unsolicited alerts/reports to practitioners not enrolled in PDMP

Veterinary Policies

Data transmission frequency for Veterinarians: N/A

Criteria for veterinarian queries: Animal Owner's name

☐ Veterinarian access to owner's prescription history   ☑ Veterinary Icon on PDMP Report

☐ Reporting Specifications

Reporting Method:

Reporting Specifications:

Data Fields:

Reporting Description:

☐ Reporting Mandate Compliance

Reporting Compliance Details:

Reporting Mandate Actions:

Reporting Issues:

Reporting Misc Information:

☐ Enrollment Mandate Compliance

Enrollment Description: Veterinarians cannot access PDMP data but can voluntarily report to the PDMP.

Enrollment Mandate Compliance Details:

Enrollment Mandate Criteria:

☐ Query Mandate Compliance

Query Description: Veterinarians are not permitted by statute/rule/policy to query

Query Mandate Compliance Details:

Query Mandate Criteria:

Substance Use Disorder Activities

Tools or Resources

☑ MAT Services   Other:
☐ MOUD Services
☑ Harm Reduction Strategies
☐ Mental Health Assistance Services
☐ Employee Assistance Programs
☐ Housing Assistance Programs
☐ Re-Entry Programs

Surveillance Activities

☑ Emergency Department Data   ☑ Medical Examiner/Coroner Data
Data Sources for Surveillance Activities:

Initiated Actions

☑ Resources to Affected Areas   Other Actions:
☑ Directed Training on Prescribing
☐ Prescription Drug Tool Kits
☑ Risk Evaluation/Analysis on PDMP Reports
☐ Referrals to SUD Organizations
☐ Referrals to OFR Teams