

# Arkansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

FY 2019

First Quarter Report

July – Sept 2018



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## PDMP Users

The total number of registered PDMP users increased between July and September 2018. The largest percent increase was among veterinarians. The number of registered veterinarians increased from 46 to 92 (100%). Overall, the number of PDMP users increased from 17,911 to 18,652 (4%) (Table 1).

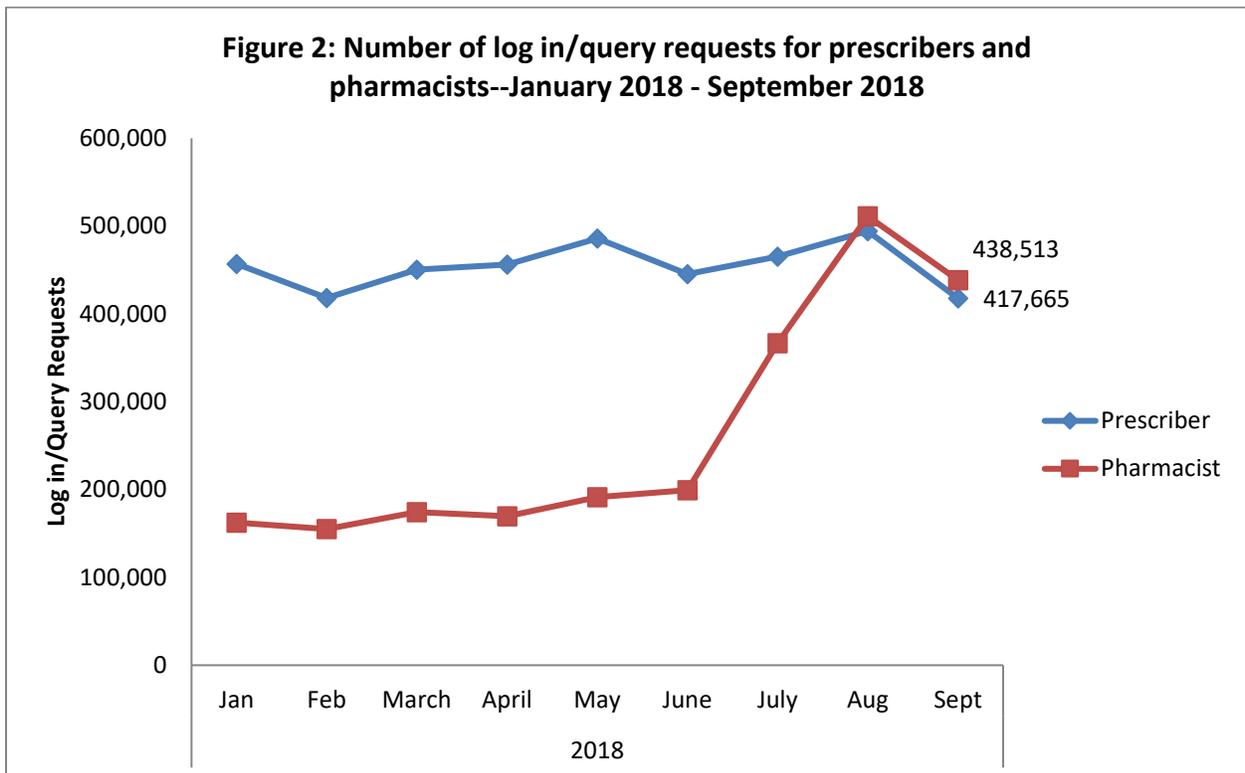
**Table 1: Number of authorized users by type – July – September 2018**

PDMP User Type	July 2018	Aug 2018	Sept 2018	Pct. Change
Physician (MD, OD)	5,588	5,640	5,732	3%
Podiatrist	68	70	75	10%
Physician Assistant	361	364	371	3%
Adv. Practice Nurse	2,293	2,336	2,438	6%
Optometrist	102	108	109	7%
Dentist	1,079	1,092	1,100	2%
Veterinarian	46	47	92	100%
Pharmacist	3,011	3,043	3,059	2%
Delegate	5,177	5,350	5,483	6%
Law Enforcement	181	186	188	4%
Licensing Board	4	4	4	0%
<b>TOTAL*</b>	<b>17,911</b>	<b>18,241</b>	<b>18,652</b>	<b>4%</b>

\*In July, one admin user was added to the PDMP and that role type was added to the Total.

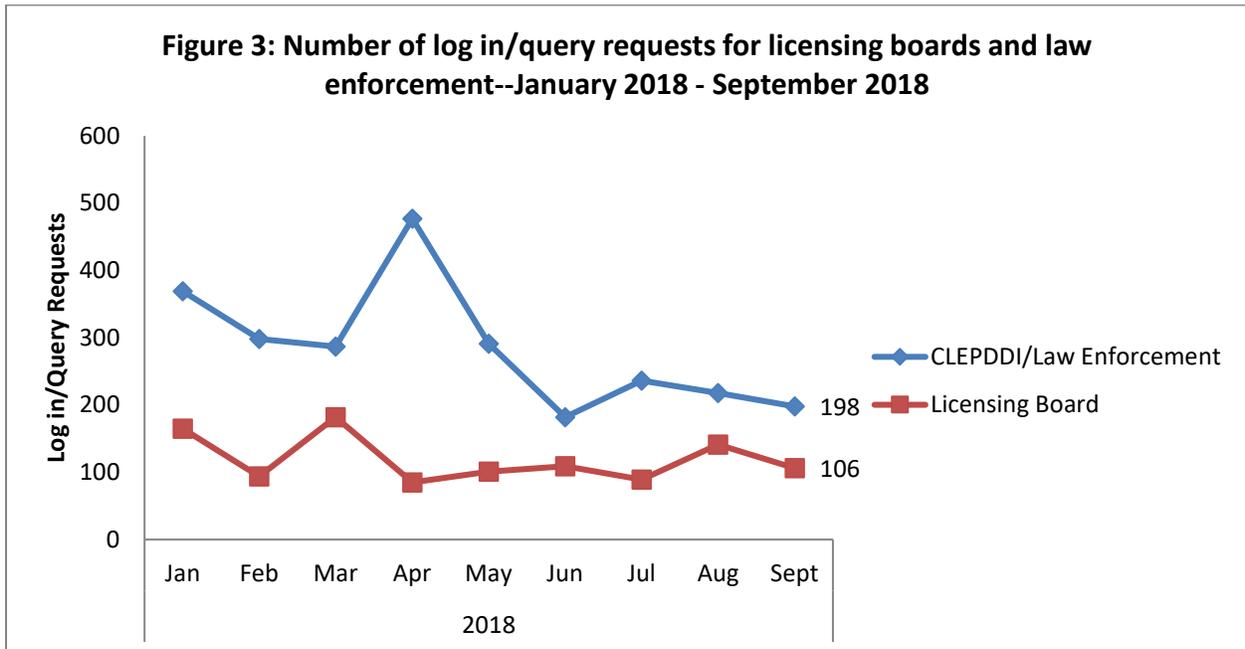
## Log in/Query Requests

From July to September there was a significant increase in the log in/query requests seen by pharmacists—surpassing the prescriber log in/query requests in the month of August. Increases in pharmacies integrating into the PDMP system, making it easier for pharmacists to utilize the reports, as well as the increase in mandatory use laws in other states (including usage requirements for pharmacists in Texas, as an example) are likely reasons why pharmacist usage of the PDMP has increased. Prescriber usage showed a slight dip from August to September (Figure 2).



## Log in/Query Requests cont.

PDMP usage from the licensing boards showed a spike in August with 141 log in/query requests but dipped back down to 106 in September. Law enforcement showed a decrease in usage from 236 log in/query requests in July to 198 log in/query requests in September (Figure 3).



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## Non-registered Provider Audit

In the summer of 2017, Act 820 was passed into law, which enacted the PDMP mandatory use law. This law requires providers, with some exceptions, to check the PDMP prior to prescribing:

- (1) a schedule II or schedule III opioid (ie. oxycodone, hydrocodone, etc.) every time, and
- (2) a benzodiazepine (ie. alprazolam, diazepam, etc.) for the first time.

A manual audit was performed by the PDMP to identify the providers who wrote a prescription for a schedule II or schedule III opioid in the date range of January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018, but appeared to not be registered with the Arkansas PDMP. If a provider is not registered with the PDMP and prescribes in one of the above categories, then the prescriber is not compliant with the mandatory use law. Each applicable professional board was notified of these providers, with the recommendation to send out a communication to educate on the new law (Table 4).

**Table 4: Number of providers without accounts in the PDMP who prescribed a Schedule II/III opioid from January 2018 – June 2018**

Licensing Board	Number of Licensees Not Registered
Medical	762
Dental	169
Nursing	97
Veterinary	38
Optometry	12
Podiatry	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,085</b>