What is the Arkansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program?

The Arkansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (AR PDMP) is an electronic database of all the controlled substances dispensed at Arkansas pharmacies, mail-order pharmacies delivered into Arkansas, and other dispensaries such as a veterinary or medical clinics.

Arkansas Department of Health

healthy.arkansas.gov
- Short video tutorials with directions for reporting to the AR PDMP
- Requestor User Support Manual (AR PDMP)
- Pharmacy Waiver Form
- AR PDMP Rules

Customer Service
AR PDMP: (501) 683-3960
Hours: 8:00am – 4:30pm, M-F.
PMP Clearinghouse: (855) 729-8917

Arkansas Takeback
artakeback.org
- Treatment centers
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) providers
- Peer recovery specialists in Arkansas

ARConnect Hotline
Phone: 501-526-3563
Hours: 24/7
psychiatry.uams.edu/clinical-care/arconnect
- Call center answering and triaging Arkansans with any mental health issue.

Best Practices for Reporting Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Pet Prescriptions
If the prescription dispensed is for an animal patient, the prescription must be reported as follows:
1. The prescription must be identified as an animal/veterinary patient;
2. The owner of the animal/veterinary patient must be reported to the department by first name, last name, and date of birth;
3. The animal/veterinary patient must be reported.

Schedule V Exempt Narcotics (i.e.: guaifenesin/codeine syrup)
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RESOURCES & CONTACTS

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Reporting

**Frequency**
Pharmacies are required to report the dispensation of a controlled substance next business day. A controlled substance is a substance that is scheduled II – V on the Arkansas List of Controlled Substances.

**Zero Reports**
If a pharmacy usually dispenses controlled substances in Arkansas but has no dispensations to report for the preceding reporting period, the pharmacy must report their information to the AR PDMP by filing a zero report.

**Pharmacy Waiver Form**
If the pharmacy does not dispense schedule II-V controlled substances in Arkansas, the pharmacy may request a waiver to exempt them from reporting. This waiver request form can be found on healthy.arkansas.gov.

**Data Submission**
All dispensations submitted must pass through the PMP Clearinghouse before being uploaded to the AR PDMP. There are several means by which dispensations are submitted:
- By the pharmacy’s software vendor
- By the pharmacy’s corporate office (seen commonly with chain pharmacies)
- By a pharmacy employee on-site

Error Types

**PDMP Errors**
Prescription information that has been uploaded to the AR PDMP inaccurately (i.e. wrong day supply).

**Upload Errors**
Prescription information that has been submitted to the AR PDMP but fail to upload due to field errors (i.e. invalid DEA) caught by PMP Clearinghouse.

Correcting PDMP Errors
1. Login to AWARE
2. Navigate to and open Menu
3. Under Data, select Rx Management
4. Select the Rx Maintenance tab

Correcting Upload Errors
1. Login to AWARE
2. Navigate to and open Menu
3. Under Data, select Rx Management
4. Select the Error Correction tab

Troubleshooting Tips in AWARE

**Pharmacy Identifier not available or incorrect?**
A Pharmacy Identifier(s) (Employer DEA) is provided by the user upon registration. If the user does not see a Pharmacy Identifier(s), or if the user needs to change the Pharmacy Identifier(s), please contact the AR PDMP. If you work at more than one site, multiple Pharmacy Identifiers may be listed.

**Having trouble locating a prescription to correct?**
1. By avoiding the Prescriber Last Name field, you eliminate the chance of misspells and increase the chance of finding the prescription record.
2. Try adding a leading or trailing zero(s) to your prescription number. Some software vendors will add a zero(s) in the upload process.

Want more helpful tips?
Scan the QR

or visit healthy.arkansas.gov