



MARYLAND Department of Health

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

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Dear Maryland Pharmacist:

As Maryland, along with the rest of the country, continues to grapple with the opioid epidemic, the Department of Health wants to ensure pharmacists are equipped with the most current information regarding the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) and the law guiding its implementation and use. We view the PDMP as an important tool to help combat this public health epidemic.

Effective July 1, 2018, Maryland law requires CDS prescribers and pharmacists to request and to assess data from the PDMP in certain prescribing and dispensing situations. Attached are important documents explaining the PDMP Use Mandate for pharmacists, including when the PDMP must be checked.

Additional resources to assist Pharmacists and their Delegates will be made available online at www.MarylandPDMP.org.

The Maryland Department of Health values your partnership. We will continue to provide all medical professionals with information needed to combat this public health crisis. Thank you for your cooperation and compliance.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Neall
Secretary

Attachments