GA PDMP Updates May 2019

The Georgia Prescription Drug Monitoring program is managed by the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH).

The Georgia Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (GA PDMP) is a valuable database that prescribers and dispensers can use as part of the patient treatment program. To that end, in considering ways to increase utilization, the Georgia PDMP applied for and received a federal grant to begin integrating its data with electronic health record systems. This integration will facilitate PDMP data being part of clinical workflows for both physicians and pharmacists. Perhaps the greatest advantage is that it will simplify the process for obtaining patient records in real-time as only one system will be needed instead of two.

Additionally, grant dollars will allow GA PDMP to issue quarterly PDMP Prescriber Reports to providers who have prescribed a Schedule II, III, IV or V drug during the period. The reports are system generated and will go directly to each prescriber. There will not be a report for dispensers or delegates. This report information is for prescribers only. The reports are good for educating prescribers on their own opioid prescribing patterns.

Both programs of these programs will begin within the next 30 days or by June 1, 2019.

You can send inquiries to Sheila.pierce@dph.ga.gov if you are interested in PDMP integration with your electronic health record. For questions or additional information contact Sheila Pierce with the Georgia Department of Public Health at the above email address.

For info on PDMP, visit www.dph.georgia.gov/pdmp