



MARYLAND Department of Health

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Dear Ms. Woodward,

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is pleased to provide you with information about a requirement going into effect that impacts providers you serve. This upcoming change has been previously communicated to providers subject to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) registration mandate, but we are now asking for your assistance in disseminating the start date. The following information is intended for distribution to your provider community, as appropriate.

Effective, Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018, all Maryland licensed healthcare providers that prescribe or dispense controlled dangerous substances (CDS) are required to be registered with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) in order to obtain a CDS registration.

Providers that prescribe or dispense CDS will not be able to obtain a new or renewed CDS registration from the Office of Controlled Substances Administration if they are not already registered with the PDMP. The Department has determined that the Chapter 147 (2016) Section 8 contingency is satisfied and effective Feb. 15, 2018. All CDS prescribers and dispensers applying for a new or renewed CDS registration must be registered with the PDMP, as required in Health-General Article, §21-2a-04.1 and Criminal Law Article, §5-305.

CDS registrants that have already registered with the PDMP do not need to do anything additional at this time. PDMP registration must only be completed once and registration with PDMP does not expire even with disuse.

CDS registrants who need to obtain a new or renewed CDS registration, and who are not registered with the PDMP, will not be issued a CDS registration until the PDMP registration is complete.

For applicants not registered with the PDMP, prior to submission of an application for a CDS registration, the following actions will occur:

- CDS applications received by mail will have the application and check returned via mail with a notification of the requirement and the link to register with the PDMP.
- CDS applications received online will be linked to the PDMP website to register. After the PDMP registration is complete, the applicant can return to the CDS application website to complete the CDS registration application.

PDMP Registration is quick, and both registration and access to PDMP are free. Registration can be completed from the PDMP registration homepage at <https://crisphealth.org/services/prescription-drug-monitoring-program-pdmp/pdmp-registration/>.

Providers who are unsure of their PDMP registration status may navigate to the PDMP auto-registration page, <https://crisphealth.force.com/crispregkeydata>, and enter the requested information. If a provider is already registered, the system will confirm registration and provide a unique PDMP registration confirmation code. If a provider is not registered, they will be prompted to complete the registration process.

For questions regarding CDS registration, please contact the Office of Controlled Substances Administration (OCSA) at 410-764-2890 or Maryland.OCSA@maryland.gov.

For online registration assistance, please contact PDMP's clinical user information technology partner, CRISP, at 877-952-7477 or support@crisphealth.org.

For any other questions regarding the PDMP, please use the Department's PDMP voice and email inboxes at 410-402-8686 or mdh.pdmp@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert R. Neall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert R. Neall
Secretary
Maryland Department of Health