

The Electronic-Florida Online Reporting of Controlled Substances Evaluation program (E-FORCSE) is Florida's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). The PDMP was created by the 2009 Florida Legislature in an initiative to encourage safer prescribing of controlled substances and to reduce drug abuse and diversion within the State of Florida. The purpose of E-FORCSE is to provide information that can help guide a health care practitioner's prescribing and dispensing decisions regarding highly abused prescription drugs.

Florida's PDMP law requires the Florida Department of Health (DOH) to establish a statewide comprehensive electronic database system that collects controlled substance dispensing information from health care practitioners within seven days of dispensing to an individual. E-FORCSE has selected Health Information Designs, Inc. (HID), to develop a prescription drug monitoring system (PDMS) that will collect and store prescribing and dispensing data for controlled substances in Schedules II, III and IV. The PDMS is a web-based program that facilitates the collection and analysis of medical and pharmacy data to enable state regulators and practitioners to detect and prevent the diversion, abuse and misuse of controlled substance prescription drugs.

Florida's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Gains Momentum

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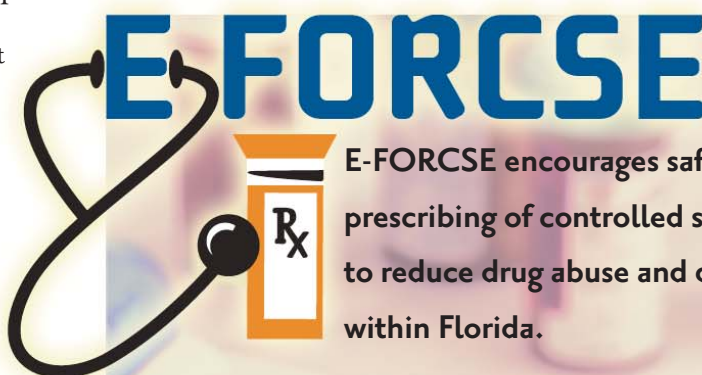
Registration for dispensers begins Aug. 1, 2011. Please visit <http://www.hidinc.com/flpdmp> and view the *Dispenser's Implementation Guide* for step-by-step instructions on how to register as an uploader and how to upload your controlled substance dispensing information. The guide provides information regarding system registration and data collection requirements. Reporting begins Sept. 1, 2011. In addition, E-FORCSE is requesting health care practitioners to retrospectively report prescription dispensing data from Dec. 1, 2010 to the current go-live date.

Once the PDMS is operational, E-FORCSE anticipates more than 111,000 prescribing practitioners, dispensing practitioners, pharmacists and pharmacies will register to upload controlled substance

dispensing data and access the PDMS to view individual patient-specific prescription information. The registration process for all users will occur electronically on HID's website, and will vary depending on the type of user.

Health care practitioners and pharmacists may view the data in the system for their specific patient on Oct. 17, 2011. This PDMS is a fully hosted system that includes data collection, an extensive prescriber file and improved reporting capabilities.

E-FORCSE complies with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act as it pertains to protected health information, electronic protected health information, and all other relevant state and federal privacy and security laws and regulations.



E-FORCSE encourages safer prescribing of controlled substances to reduce drug abuse and diversion within Florida.

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