

Briefing:

Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Implementation

Rebecca Poston, Director of the Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, and her staff have provided information on the first months of the FL PDMP's implementation.

The volume of reports issued in just the first two and a half months is, in my experience, unprecedented. The extent of pharmacists' involvement appears very encouraging and unusually high, particularly during early implementation stages; i.e. half or more of reports are being issued to pharmacists.

The FL PDMP contracted with Heath Information Design (HID) on May 26, 2011,

Data Collection:

- On September 1, 2011 the Florida PDMP initiated collection of data on all Schedule II through IV prescriptions dispensed on and after December 1, 2010.
- 25.9 million prescriptions were collected by December 31, 2011.
- These prescriptions were issued by 57,409 in-state and 118,406 out of state prescribers.

Enrollment of Prescribers and Dispensers:

- Enrollment of prescribers and pharmacies began on October 1, 2011.
- 4,257 prescribers and 3,843 pharmacists were enrolled by December 31, 2011
- This means that 7.4% of all in-state prescribers have enrolled in the PMP within the first 3 months (i.e. in-state prescribers who issued one or more controlled substance prescriptions as reported to the PDMP for the thirteen months, December 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011).

Reports Generated:

Prescribers and Pharmacists

- Prescribers and pharmacists were permitted to request patient advisory reports as of October 17, 2011.
- 337,635 patient specific controlled substance dispensing queries had been performed by prescribers and pharmacies as of December 31, 2011.

Law Enforcement

- Law Enforcement officers were permitted to request investigative reports pursuant to an active investigation as of November 14, 2011.
- 1,186 reports had been approved and released to them by December 31, 2011.

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