

CONNECTICUT PUBLIC ACT 13-172
Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System

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On June 21, 2013, Connecticut Public Act 13-172 was signed into law and went into effective on that date. This Public Act establishes certain modifications to the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS), one of which will affect all prescribers, the second will only affect a minority of prescribers.

First, with passage of this act all prescribers in possession of a Connecticut Controlled Substance Practitioner (CSP) registration issued by the State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection, are now required to register as a user with the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS). The registration web site is: www.ctpmp.com. The CPMRS was designed for prescribers and pharmacists to use as a tool to provide better care to their patients and to reduce addiction, abuse and overdose. There is no cost for registering or accessing the system. The system is available 24/7. **When completing the online form for the first time you will be asked to select a category, Dentists should select, “Practitioner”.**

CPMRS provides the following benefits:

- Comprehensive patient controlled substance prescription records.
- Ability to review prescribing history reports to identify possible forgeries.
- Post alerts on particular situations or patients concerning misuse, diversion or abuse of controlled substances.
- Access to patients’ controlled substance history reports from other states.

Second (will not apply to most prescribers) requires any prescribers who dispense controlled substances from their practice, or facility, etc., to upload dispensing information into the CPMRS Data Collection website at www.ctrxreport.com. The dispensing information will be uploaded to Optimum Technology, Inc. (Optimum), a private contractor who is authorized to collect all data and manage the technical aspects of the program. All dispensing information must be submitted to the program at least once a week. Optimum will forward the verified data to the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection.

It should be noted that the uploaded information from the prescribers is ***only for controlled substances dispensed by the practitioner or their practice*** and ***does not include samples or prescriptions that are subsequently dispensed from a licensed pharmacy***. Other exceptions also include:

- To hospital inpatients from an institutional pharmacy or pharmacist’s drug room operated by a facility or;
- A practitioner that dispenses or administers directly to patients an opioid agonist for treatment of a substance use disorder from a registrant licensed under Conn. General Statutes Sec. 19a-495 (Methadone Clinic).

We are recommending that prescribers contact their central office, vendor or programmer and inform them of this notification. If you have any technical issues regarding uploading the data to our secure website, please contact our vendor (Optimum Technology, Inc.) at (866) 683-3246.

These changes became effective on June 21, 2013, the date the Public Act was signed into law, and as a result we are asking for your immediate attention to this matter. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have about these changes. Finally, failure to comply with Public Act 13-172 may result in civil penalties or action against a CSP registration.

If you have any policy related questions, please contact Xaviel Soto at (860) 713-6073 or e-mail at dcp.pmp@ct.gov. For all other questions, please contact me at (860) 713-6065.