



## CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

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### **Subject: NOTIFICATION OF MANDATORY REGISTRATION, USAGE AND DATA UPLOAD REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONNECTICUT PRESCRIPTION MONITORING & REPORTING SYSTEM (CPMRS)**

Dear Practitioner or Pharmacy Manager,

In an effort to increase awareness and compliance of the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS), the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection, Prescription Monitoring Program, is launching a statewide educational campaign called **CHANGE the SCRiPT**. The campaign will provide information, to both practitioners and pharmacy managers, on: 1) the CPMRS, 2) the latest regulatory requirements, 3) new/added features of the system, 4) integrating the CPMRS with Electronic Health Records (EHRs) or pharmacy software systems, and 5) resources to assist you in providing the best patient care.

Please find enclosed a brochure along with other materials about the CPMRS including information about registration, mandatory usage, and data upload requirements. Furthermore, listed below are the public acts that have been passed within the last few years, starting with the most recent:

**Public Act 16-43** (Effective 7/01/2016) - These requirements affect prescribers and veterinary facilities that dispense controlled substances.

- Practitioner's authorized agents, licensed or unlicensed, may register for their own CPMRS user account.
- When prescribing a Schedule V non-narcotic controlled substance, for the continuous or prolonged treatment of any patient, such prescribing practitioner, or such prescribing practitioner's authorized agent, shall review, not less than annually, the patient's records in such prescription drug monitoring program.
- When prescribing a controlled substance, other than a Schedule V non-narcotic controlled substance, for the continuous or prolonged treatment of any patient, such prescriber, or such prescriber's authorized agent, must review, not less than once every 90 days, the patient's records in such prescription drug monitoring program.
- Veterinary facilities are not subjected to daily reporting and will continue to submit dispensation reports weekly.
- On and after July 1, 2016, each pharmacy, nonresident pharmacy, outpatient pharmacy in a hospital or institution, and dispenser shall report all controlled substance prescriptions dispensed immediately upon, but in no event later than the next business day, dispensing such prescriptions into the CPMRS clearinghouse website at <https://pmpclearinghouse.net>.

**Public Act 15-198** (Effective 10/01/2015) and June Special Session **Public Act 15-5**, Sec. 354 (Effective 10/01/2015) - These new requirements will affect both prescribers and pharmacies.

- Prior to prescribing greater than a 72-hour supply of any controlled substance (Schedule II - V) to any patient, the prescribing practitioner or such practitioner's authorized agent shall review the patient's records in the CPMRS at <https://connecticut.pmpaware.net>.
- When prescribing controlled substances for the continuous or prolonged treatment of any patient, such prescriber, or such prescriber's authorized agent shall review not less than once every 90 days, the patient's records in the CPMRS.
- If the CPMRS is not operational, prescriber may prescribe greater than a 72-hour supply of a controlled substance to a patient during the time that the system is down as long as the prescriber or prescriber's authorized agent reviews the records of the patient in the CPMRS not more than 24 hours after regaining access to the system.

**Public Act 13-172** (effective June 21, 2013) - These requirements affect CT-licensed prescribers.

- All prescribers in possession of a Connecticut Controlled Substance (CSP) Registration issued by the State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection (DCP), will be required to register as a user with the CPMRS at <https://connecticut.pmpaware.net> .
- Any prescribers, who dispense controlled substances from their practice or facility, etc., will be required to upload dispensing information into the CPMRS Data Collection website at <https://pmpclearinghouse.net>.

Additional information can be found at our website [www.ct.gov/dcp/pmp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp/pmp) or by contacting the Prescription Monitoring Program at 860.713.6073 or e-mail us at [dcp.pmp@ct.gov](mailto:dcp.pmp@ct.gov).

Sincerely,



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