FY2020

Second Quarter Report
October – December 2019

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM

New User Accounts

By the end of December 2019, the Arkansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) had over 22,986 active user accounts. During the second quarter of FY2020, the highest increase in user accounts was for the Prescriber Delegate – Licensed and Physician, with 161 and 148 new user accounts, respectively. In October, there was a new user account for Medicaid Fraud Units. Per Act 141 of 2019, the Office of Medicaid Inspector General has access to the PDMP system.

Table 1: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program New User Accounts by Role Types, Arkansas, October – December 2019

	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Physician (MD, DO)	86	46	16	148
Prescriber Delegate - Licensed	60	42	59	161
Nurse Practitioner / Clinical Nurse Specialist	36	34	23	93
Prescriber Delegate - Unlicensed	42	53	18	113
Dentist	4	2	4	10
Physician Assistant	10	0	5	15
Medical Resident	6	1	3	10
Optometrist	6	4	0	10
Veterinarian	6	0	1	7
Podiatrist (DPM)	0	0	1	1
Pharmacist	15	16	15	46
Pharmacist's Delegate - Licensed	4	3	0	7
Pharmacist's Delegate - Unlicensed	0	0	0	0
Delegate CLEPDDI[1]	2	0	0	2
Local	0	0	0	0
Master CLEPDDI	0	0	0	0
Medicaid Fraud Units	1	0	0	1
State Medicaid Program	0	0	0	0
Board of Medicine Investigator	0	0	0	0
Board of Nursing Investigator	0	0	0	0
Board of Pharmacy Investigator	0	0	0	0
Board of Dentistry Investigator	0	0	0	0
Admin	0	0	0	0

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[1] **CLEPDDI - Certified Law Enforcement Prescription Drug Diversion Investigator**

PDMP Use

The use of the PDMP system has evolved to include in-state patient searches in the AR PDMP database, out-of-state patient searches of the AR PDMP, and patient searches initiated through integrated systems that combine the AR PDMP into electronic health records (EHR) and pharmacy dispensing software (PDS). Each method of query (in-state PDMP database, out-of-state, integration) will be calculated and reported separately. This will more accurately portray the continued evolution of the use of the AR PDMP.

During the second quarter of FY2020, the AR PDMP, out-of-state and integration query numbers for pharmacists were stable, they decreased slightly in November and picked up in December (Table 2). Overall, the total queries from October to December decreased by 19,252 queries, a 0.40% decrease.

Table 2: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Pharmacist Query Totals by Method, Arkansas, October – December 2019

Month	AR PDMP	Out-of-state	Integration	Total
Oct	82,844	3,457	4,708,888	4,795,189
Nov	70,517	2,919	4,411,919	4,485,355
Dec	79,981	3,408	4,692,548	4,775,937

From October to December 2019, all other query numbers, with the exception of out-of-state, decreased. The overall query counts for prescribers from October to December decreased by 166,341 queries, a 1.9% decrease (Table 3).

Table 3: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Prescriber Query Totals by Method, Arkansas, October – December 2019

Month	AR PDMP	Out-of-state	Integration	Total
Oct	291,272	36,667	8,417,286	8,745,225
Nov	255,817	33,382	7,497,115	7,786,314
Dec	271,317	37,542	8,270,025	8,578,884

The number of queries performed by law enforcement was the highest in the month of November, with 110 queries. The number of queries from professional boards was the highest in the month of October, with 40 queries (Table 4).

Table 4: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Law Enforcement and Professional Boards Query Totals, Arkansas, October – December 2019

Month	Law Enforcement	Professional Boards
Oct	62	40
Nov	110	27
Dec	72	20

Prescriber Comparison Report

The Prescriber Comparison reports are distributed quarterly to prescribers with a PDMP account and if a prescription for an opioid was dispensed under their DEA number within the 6-month time period of the analysis. The Prescriber Comparison reports are an educational tool for prescribers to compare their individual prescribing habits to other prescribers in their self-identified specialty. The Arkansas PDMP began distributing these reports in April of 2018.

Chart 1: Prescriber Reports, 2018 - 2019

Number of Prescriber Reports