Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)

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Program Overview

Washington's Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) was established in 2007 under **RCW 70.225** to improve patient care and prevent prescription drug misuse. The program collects dispensing records for **Schedule II, III, IV and V controlled substances**, and makes this information available to medical providers and pharmacists as a clinical decision-making tool. Program rules **(WAC 246-470)** took effect **August 27, 2011.**

Why It's Important

- Informs prescribing decisions-and enhances patient care and reduces the risk of prescription drug misuse
- Supports Washington's broader strategy to reduce opioid overdoses

How to Access the PMP

- **Via Secure Access Washington (SAW):** Create a SAW account to log in to:
  - https://doh.wa.gov/public-health-provider-resources/healthcare-professions-and-facilities/prescription-monitoring-program-pmp/disclosure-provider-login
- **Via Electronic Health Record (EHR) integration:** Available through state-approved methods (see below)

Who Can Access PMP Data

Access is granted under **RCW 70.225** and **WAC 246-470** to the following:

- **Prescribers and pharmacists** providing care to patients
- **Patients** (for access to their own prescription data)
- **Facilities** licensed by the Department of Health
- **Washington State Hospital Association** Coordinated Quality Improvement Program
- **Local health officers** (medical officers with local jurisdictions)
- **Health profession licensing boards**
- **Law enforcement and prosecutorial officials** (for specific, bona fide investigations)
- **Medical examiners and coroners** (for determining cause of death)
- **Health Care Authority** (for Medicaid recipients)
- **Department of Labor and Industries** (for workers' compensation cases)
- **Department of Corrections** (for individuals in custody)
- **Public and private organizations** (for de-identified data used in research, educational, or statistical analysis)

EHR Integration Mandate

Under **Substitute Senate Bill 5380** **(2019)**, facilities, offices, or provider groups with **10 or more prescribers** – excluding critical access hospitals – must demonstrate EHR integration with the PMP **(RCW 70.225.090)**. A waiver process is available for those unable to comply. Integration options include:

- **OneHealthPort (OHP):** Washington's Health Information Exchange
- **Direct integration:** Through approved vendors, such as **Bamboo Health's PMP Gateway** (formerly Appriss Health)

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How to Request PMP Data

- **Patients:** May request a report from their prescriber or pharmacist or follow the steps in **WAC 246-470-040** to request it from the state.
- **Legal Requests:** Submit to **PrescriptionMonitoring@doh.wa.gov**. Must include a court order or grand jury subpoena as outlined **in RCW 70.225.040**.
- **Law Enforcement/Medical Examiners/Prosecutors:** May request access under **RCW 70.225.040** following **WAC 246-470-060**.
- **De-identified Data Requests (Research/Education):** Submit a request here.

Have Questions?

For questions or support, call (**360) 236-4806** or email **prescriptionmonitoring@doh.wa.gov.**

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