



FAQ's For Dispensers

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1. Which controlled substance prescriptions must be reported to the MN PMP?

As defined in [Minnesota Statute M.S. §152.126](#):

A. Pharmacies licensed and located in Minnesota must report to the MN PMP all schedule II-V controlled substance prescriptions, along with prescriptions for butalbital and gabapentin, which are dispensed.

Out of state pharmacies licensed in MN must report all schedule II-V controlled substance prescriptions along with prescriptions for butalbital and gabapentin prescriptions that they deliver, ship or mail into the state of Minnesota.

However, when a MN resident actually goes to another state and physically picks up the prescription(s) in that state, that prescription technically is not dispensed in MN and is not to be reported to the MN PMP.

2. Are there any circumstances that reporting of controlled substance prescriptions is not required?

As defined in [Minnesota Statute M.S. §152.126](#):

A. Yes. The law states that reporting is not required for those controlled substances dispensed to:

- Individuals residing in a health care facility as defined in section [Minnesota Statutes Chapter §151.58, subdivision 2, paragraph \(b\)](#), when a drug is distributed through the use of an automated drug distribution system according to section 151.58.
- Individuals receiving a drug sample that was packaged by a manufacturer and provided to the dispenser for dispensing as a professional sample pursuant to [Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, part 203, subpart D](#).

Pharmacies that only dispense controlled substances under the above circumstances request an exemption from the reporting requirement. [Click here](#) to access exemption request form.

3. Are hospital pharmacies required to report to the MN PMP when dispensing for inpatient use?

A. No, Dispensing which occurs by a licensed hospital pharmacy that distributes controlled substances, as defined in [Minnesota Statutes M S § 152.126](#), for inpatient hospital care only, are not required to report

4. How frequently must data be submitted to the MN PMP database?

- A. Daily. If no controlled substance (II--V, butalbital, gabapentin) prescriptions are dispensed on any particular business day, a "zero report" is required to be submitted for that day.

5. I have a pharmacy but I never dispense controlled substances or do so only rarely. Do I still need to report?

- A. A pharmacy that **never** dispenses controlled substances can request permission from the MN PMP to be exempt from the reporting requirement. [Click here](#) for exemption form. Those that dispense controlled substances only occasionally need to report daily and must submit "zero reports" for days in which they do not dispense a qualifying controlled substance (schedules II--V, butalbital, gabapentin).

6. I am a provider that dispenses from my office; do I need to report to the PMP?

- A. Yes, if you dispense a qualifying controlled substance (schedules II--V, butalbital, gabapentin). If you **never** dispense one of these prescriptions you do not need to request an exemption. If you occasionally dispense a qualifying controlled substance you do not need to submit "zero reports" daily you are only required to report on days you dispense.

7. Our facility/pharmacy is only open M-F 8-4:30; what shall hospital pharmacies do regarding daily report submission for ER prepacks dispensed after--hours and on weekends?

- A. As far as the reporting of ER prepacks dispensed after-hours, it would be most appropriate that reporting is done the morning of the next business day and that weekend activities are reported on Monday morning.

8. Do I have to notify customers that their prescription information is being reported to the PMP?

- A. Yes. [Minnesota Statutes M.S. §152.126](#) requires dispensers to provide to the patient for whom the prescription was written a conspicuous notice of reporting requirements of 152.126 and notice that the information may be used for program administration purposes. [Click here](#) for suggested language.

Other options for the dispenser might include the following:

- Print a "Conspicuous Notice" sign and place it where it can be easily seen by customers.

- Print a "Conspicuous Notice" on the receipt for the controlled substance prescription
- Put a sticker with a "Conspicuous Notice" on the prescription bottle/package
- Include a separate sheet of paper with a "Conspicuous Notice" with the prescription when it is mailed