How to register for a free MN PMP Account?

Visit the MN PMP public website at www.pmp.pharmacy.state.mn.us and click on “Access Request Forms.”

- Select the pharmacist access request form;
- Complete the request form; signing and dating it in the presence of a Notary Public; and
- Submit the completed request form to the MN PMP office as directed on the form.

Once the completed request form has been received at the MN PMP office and credentials have been verified; an email with your user name and other critical information regarding your newly established account will be sent to the email address provided on the request form.

Questions about the MN PMP database may be directed to the MN PMP office at (651) 201-2836 or by email at minnesota.pmp@state.mn.us.

“The PMP is a great resource for pharmacists who are providing admission medication history services and need accurate information on a patient’s controlled substance use prior to prescribing and dispensing. The information obtained from the PMP records helps to ensure the appropriate medication and dose will be prescribed and dispensed.”

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Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Pain Management
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““The pharmacists in the ambulatory practice MTM group at HCMC find this program very useful in caring for our patients. Most of our patients are seen by several providers and this program has helped identify concerning patterns with controlled substance use, and also helps to confirm appropriate adherence. It is a useful tool that our Internal Medicine providers and residents use to ensure patient safety and to optimize patient care.”

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MN PMP: What is it?
Prescription drug abuse is an increasing problem that endangers public health and safety. In January 2010 the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy implemented the MN Prescription Monitoring Program (MN PMP) to monitor prescription drug use in an effort to promote public health and welfare by detecting diversion, abuse and misuse of certain controlled substances listed in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 152. Licensed prescribers, pharmacists and their delegates are invited to assist in that effort through the use of the MN PMP electronic database.

The MN PMP database is accessed through a secure, web-based application designed to help prescribers and pharmacists provide better patient care and reduce controlled substance misuse, diversion and abuse by assisting patients in getting the help that they need to deal with either chronic, under-treated pain or chemical dependency.

By law, an individual’s controlled substance prescription history can only be maintained in the database for a 12 month period before being removed.

How does it work?
Pharmacies licensed by the MN Board of Pharmacy as well as other dispensers of prescription drugs (such as physicians, hospitals, and clinics that dispense controlled substances that a patient takes home), are required to report the dispensing of controlled substances listed in the state’s Schedules II-IV. Data is submitted electronically to Health Information Designs, Inc., a private contractor that collects the data and manages all technical aspects of the program for Minnesota. Data is usually submitted daily, although some pharmacies that dispense a low volume of controlled substances report weekly.

How accurate is the information in an Individual’s Prescription History Report?
MN PMP does not warrant any report to be accurate or fully complete. The information contained in the database comes directly from the dispensing pharmacy and mistakes, while uncommon, are possible. As such, the Individual’s Prescription History Report should only be used to supplement a patient evaluation, to confirm a patient’s drug history or to document compliance with a therapeutic regimen.

What information is contained in a report?
Individual’s Prescription History Reports contain a summary of the state’s Schedules II-IV controlled substances a patient has been prescribed. The summary includes information such as: quantity and dosage of the controlled substance dispensed, the pharmacy that dispensed the prescription, and in some cases the practitioner who prescribed to the patient. Minnesota law only allows a prescriber’s name to be displayed on a report when the MN PMP office has received written consent from the prescriber. The MN PMP database users may request Individual’s Prescription History reports 24/7. Requests are automatically fulfilled and the actual report is typically available for viewing within seconds.

Protecting the privacy of patient’s health information
Access to MN PMP database occurs through a secure Internet Web site which requires users to login with a user ID and password.

The HIPAA Privacy Rule sets limits on how health plans and covered providers may use individually identifiable health information. Personal health information may not be used for purposes not related to health care, and covered entities may use or share only the minimum amount of protected information needed for a particular purpose. However, the rule does not restrict prescribers from sharing information needed to treat their patients.

For more information about the HIPAA Privacy Rule, visit HHS, Office for Civil Rights: http://www.dhhs.gov/ocr/hipaa.