

# Connecticut Prescription Monitoring & Reporting System (CPMRS)



## Fact Sheet

Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS) can help reduce prescription drug abuse with just a click.

### Here's how:

- Comprehensive patient controlled substance prescription records.
- Immediately available online 24/7.
- Allows prescribers and pharmacists to work together to monitor prescription drug use.

### Prescription drug abuse: A real and growing threat.

In 2007, more than five million Americans reported non-medical use of prescription drugs, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. That's more than the number of people who use cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, and inhalants combined. Prescription drug misuse, diversion and abuse cut across all sectors of our community, from young teens to adults to our elderly.

Because prescription drug abuse is an increasing problem that endangers public health and safety, the **Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)** has partnered with healthcare practitioners across the state to develop the **Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS)**.

### CPMRS: Better data, better care.

The CPMRS is a web-based application that allows prescribers and pharmacists to access their patient controlled substance (Schedule II – V) prescription history information online 24/7. This secure online system was designed as a tool for prescribers and pharmacists to provide better data for better care to their patients and to reduce addiction and overdose.

### CPMRS: How does it work?

Using the CPMRS data collection website at [www.ctrxreport.com](http://www.ctrxreport.com), pharmacies that dispense Schedule II-V controlled substance drugs are required to submit their prescription data into the CPMRS at least twice monthly.

Pharmacies are encouraged to report prior to the deadline in order to have time to correct any rejected submissions. They may also report more frequently if they prefer.

With CPMRS, pharmacists are able to review their controlled substance prescription information online 24/7 to check for patterns of misuse, diversion or abuse.

For technical assistance, please contact the CPMRS administrator at (860) 713-6073 or e-mail [DCP.Prescriptions@ct.gov](mailto:DCP.Prescriptions@ct.gov)

### Registering for a free CPMRS account:

Beginning March 1, 2010, the Prescription Monitoring Program will be requiring all new registrants to have their registration forms notarized as part of the registration process.

Visit the CPMRS website at [www.ctpmp.com](http://www.ctpmp.com) and click on "Not a User? Register to become a User." This will initiate an automated registration process.

- Provide your basic contact information and indicate your status as a practitioner or pharmacy.
- Once the registration application is submitted online, you will receive a confirmation page. Print the registration and have the form notarized by a licensed notary.
- Fax the notarized registration along with a copy of your driver's license, passport or government issued photo identification card to (860) 622-2608.
- Once your registration has been processed, your username and password will be e-mailed to the address provided on the form.

For questions regarding registration, please contact the CPMRS administrator at (860) 713-6073.

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### HIPAA applicability

A covered entity such as a prescriber or pharmacy may disclose protected health information for certain public health activities and purposes.

In addition, disclosure may be made to a health oversight agency for oversight activities authorized by law.

These two exceptions allow for the disclosure of information to and from the Prescription Monitoring Program.

### Protecting the privacy of patients' health information

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** providers 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>

