

# The Maine PMP and Veterinarians



# Public Law Chapter 488



- **An Act to Prevent Opiate Abuse by Strengthening the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program**
  - “There is an opioid epidemic facing the State of Maine and the nation as a whole. In 2015, Maine experienced an unprecedented 272 overdose related fatalities. In an effort to combat the Maine opioid epidemic, the Maine Legislature enacted this bill.”
  - With this bill, veterinarians have become included as prescribers needing to check the PMP.



# Note



- This is a new law with many new restrictions on all healthcare professionals. Although veterinarians are affected, it is affecting our subgroup the least. There is a lot of concern on the human side and there will likely be ongoing changes made to this program and restrictions over the coming years.
- The MVMA's goal with this bill is to promote the public health while also maintaining reasonable regulations on veterinarian's time, expenses and client relationships.



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# Law Overview



- Veterinarians must register as prescribers in the PMP
- All healthcare professionals licensed to prescribe opioids must complete 3 additional hours of CE every 2 years.
  - We are waiting on final rulemaking on this from the State Board.
  - The first 3 hours must be completed by December 31, 2017.
- Prescription limitations
- Electronic prescribing
- Penalties



# Prescription Regulations



- This bill only applies to opioids and benzodiazepines. See next slide for a list of commonly used medications in veterinary medicine.
- Prescription dosages and mme do not apply to veterinarians
- Prescription length:
  - Acute opioid prescriptions can be for no longer than a 7 day course
  - Chronic opioid prescriptions can be for no longer than a 30 day course



# Commonly Used Prescriptions and Use



Opioids	Use
Buprenorphine	Analgesia
Butorphanol (Torbutrol ®, Torbugesic ®)	Antitussive, analgesia
Codeine	Analgesia, antitussive
Fentanyl	Analgesia
Hydrocodone (Tussigon ®)	Antitussive
Morphine (oral)	Analgesia
Tramadol	Analgesia
Benzodiazepines	
Alprazolam	Anxiety
Clonazepam	Epilepsy, anxiety
Diazepam	Epilepsy, anxiety
Midazolam	Epilepsy (rare to prescribe)

# Electronic Prescribing



- This only applies if you are sending a prescription to an outside pharmacy to fill.
- As of 7/1/2017 these will need to be sent electronically.
- A waiver will be made available in April of this year to apply to be exempt from this requirement.
  - In this case, you would need to send a written prescription.
  - We will notify members when this is available.





# Penalties



- Each violation of the law is \$250, not to exceed \$5,000 per calendar year.
- DHHS is enforcing this aspect of the law (checking the PMP)
  - Compliance will start being reviewed as of March 1, 2017
  - Penalties will start as of October 1, 2017



# Rule Overview



- The rules make it more clear “who” the veterinarian should be checking and what should be considered a red flag.



# Rules: Veterinarian Requirements



- **Veterinarian Requirements**

- a. Veterinarians must check the Prescription Monitoring Program

- system in accordance with the terms described in 22 MRSA §7253(1).

- The following records must be checked:

- i. Records related to the individual seeking care for the animal;

- ii. If deemed appropriate by the prescriber, the records related to the owner of the animal, in the event the owner is not the individual seeking care for the animal.



# Rules: What to Review



- **b. In order to fulfill the requirement to check the Prescription Monitoring Program system, the veterinarian must review the following information:**
  - i. Aggregate Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) for the individual seeking care for the animal, or, if appropriate, the owner of the animal.
  - ii. The number of prescribers currently prescribing controlled substances to the individual; and
  - iii. The number of pharmacies currently filling prescriptions for controlled substances for the individual.



# Rules: Red Flags



● **c. In the event the prescribing veterinarian identifies concerns related to any of the following regarding the information found in the prescription monitoring program system, the veterinarian must contact the PMP coordinator.**


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# PMP Walkthrough



- Register here: <https://maine.pmpaware.net/login>
- Click “Create an Account”




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Enter your email (the one used for the State Board) and create a password



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- ☐ Dentist
- ☐ Nurse Practitioner / Clinical Nurse Specialist
- ☐ Midwife with Prescriptive Authority
- ☐ Physician Assistant
- ☐ Podiatrist (DPM)
- ☐ Optometrist
- ☐ Pharmacist with Prescriptive Authority
- ☐ Pharmacist
- ☒ Veterinarian
- ☐ Medical Intern
- ☐ Medical Intern with Prescriptive Authority
- ☐ Medical Resident
- ☐ Medical Resident with Prescriptive Authority
- ☐ UIC Prescriber



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All fields with an asterisk (\*) are required.

### Personal

DEA Number(s)

+ Add

DEA Numbers Added

National Provider ID

AutoFill Form

Professional License Number \*

License Type \*

ADM

First Name \*

Middle Name

Last Name \*

Date of Birth \*

Add a Healthcare Specialty \*

[Browse All](#)



Search by keyword (e.g. Allergy, Internal, Sports, Clinical,



Designates Primary Specialty

Primary Contact Phone \*

# Creating an Account



- Under “Add a Healthcare Specialty”
  - Go to “Other service providers”
    - Choose “Veterinarian”
    - It is fairly far down in the drop-down menu
- Fill in the rest of the information as it applied. Use your own DEA number if you have one.
- Put in your employer’s DEA number, or if you are the employer use your own.



# Creating an Account



- After you submit your application, it will be reviewed by DHHS and approved. The approval process can take up to 5 days.
- You will not be able to use the PMP until after you are approved, so please register soon if you have not already.



# Prescription Search



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Navigation bar with links: Home, Data, **RxSearch** (highlighted with a red circle and arrow), User Profile, Help, Log Out. Below the bar are buttons for Home, Dashboard, and Announcements.

## My Dashboard

### Patient Alerts

No patient alerts received.

### Recent Requests

Patient Name	DOB	Request Date	Status
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	01/20/2017 1:17 PM	complete
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	01/12/2017 5:23 PM	complete
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	01/12/2017 5:23 PM	complete
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	01/12/2017 5:00 PM	complete
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	01/12/2017 3:47 PM	complete

### Supervisors

No Supervisors found.

### Announcements

Select User Time Zone 01/13/2017

Users are able to select their time zone under User Profile-->My Profile. Please go to your profile to verify that the correct ... [more](#)

Transition in Maine PMP Records 12/20/2016


Welcome to the new Maine PMP! Please note that there will be a delay in viewing recent prescription records as a result of thi... [more](#)

### Quick Links

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# Prescription Search





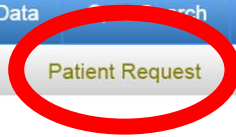
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# Prescription Search

## Patient Request

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### Patient Info

First Name\* ☐ Partial spelling

Last Name\* ☐ Partial spelling

DOB\*

Social Security Number

### Patient Location

City

State/Province

State Select ▼

Zip Code

### PMP Interconnect Search

### Prescription Fill Dates

From\*

No earlier than 5 years from today

01/22/2016

To\*

01/22/2017

Please read [the acknowledgement](#).

Search



# Prescription Search - Example



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## Patient Report [Refine Search](#)

Report Prepared: 01/22/2017

Date Range: 01/22/2016–01/22/2017



▶ [Redacted]

### Summary

Prescriptions:1

Prescribers:1

Pharmacies:1

Private Pay:0

Active Daily MME:0.0

### Prescriptions

Filled ▼	ID	Written	Drug	QTY	Days	Prescriber	Rx #	Pharmacy *	Refills	MME/D	Pymt Type	PMP ▲
10/09/2016	1	10/05/2016	HYDROMORPHONE 2 MG TABLET	40	3	Li Tab	2237861	[Redacted]	0	106.667	Comm Ins	ME ▼

\*Pharmacy is created using a combination of pharmacy name and the last four digits of the pharmacy license number.

### Prescribers

Name ▲	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone ▲
Tabenken, Lisa A	33 SEWALL ST	PORTLAND	ME	04102	

### Dispensers

Pharmacy ▼	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone ▲
HANNAFORD BROS. CO., LLC	[Redacted]				

# Record Recommendations



- We are recommending having clients sign a consent form so they are aware you are doing this search.
  - This will allow a way for you to have a record of their full name and birthdate.
  - We will make this available on our website.
- We recommend putting something brief in your record indicating you performed the search.
  - Example:
    - “PMP search performed - no concerns”
    - “PMP search performed - red flag present. Did not fill prescription for “x” and contacted PMP coordinator.”



# Record Recommendations



- In the rare event that you do have a major concern, then you should contact the PMP coordinator.
- Do your best to educate client and look for other treatment options.



# Recap



- The search only needs to be done every 90 days for chronic prescriptions.
- The consent form is not required and is only something we think may help facilitate client communication.



# Contacts



- MVMA
  - [info@mainevetmed.org](mailto:info@mainevetmed.org)
  - 1-800-448-2772 (phone and fax)
- PMP
  - Evelyn Sharkey, Prescription Monitoring Program Coordinator
  - 207-287-2595
  - Fax: 207-287-4334
  - [SAMHS.PMP@maine.gov](mailto:SAMHS.PMP@maine.gov)
- Apriss Technical Support 844-463-4767



# Upcoming Opioid CE

<http://www.cvent.com/events/me-325-500-confronting-maine-s-opioid-crisis/event-summary-abad877edef4132a24589b82f3b980b.aspx?i=757bb755-0155-489e-9ff8-06377bc90abc&r=1>

## Confronting Maine's Opioid Crisis

March 6 | \$30  
Augusta  
Civic Center



<https://www.mainevetmed.org/summer-meeting>

**When:** Saturday, June 24, 2017

**Where:** University College, Bangor, Maine

**"Updates on Pain Management: 2017 and Beyond"**

Dr. Mark Epstein

2 hours towards the opioid requirement