

# Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council State of Louisiana

October 13, 2021

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Louisiana Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Advisory Council scheduled to meet on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at Embassy Suites Hotel, 4914 Constitution Avenue in Baton Rouge, LA 70808, convened at 1:05 p.m. to consider the following:

### **A G E N D A**

1. Call to Order
2. Amendments to Council Roster
3. Quorum Call
4. Call for Additional Agenda Items & Adoption of Agenda
5. Consideration of Draft Minutes from Previous Meeting – July 7, 2021
6. Opportunity for Public Comment
7. Review of Program Operations
8. New Agenda Items Added During Meeting
9. Calendar Notes
10. Adjourn

**Advisory Council Representatives/Designees present:** Lauren Bailey (Vice Chair of PMP-AC, LSMS) chaired the meeting. Also present were Mary Peyton (LSBME), Jennifer Wright (LSBN), Shelly Esnard (LAPA), Marty McKay (LBP), Lt. Walton “Brit” Forbes (LSP), Traci Perry (LDH), Aurdie K. Bellard (LPA), Randal Johnson (LIPA), Shelly Dupre (NACDS), Rachel Smith (LDAA), Dr. Joseph Comaty (LAMP).

**Others present:** Malcolm Broussard, Joe Fontenot, Carlos Finalet, Nerissa Montgomery, and Reshmi Ravindranath, (all LABP).

### **Amendments to Council Roster**

Mr. Broussard reviewed amendments to the Council Roster per the memorandum, Amendments to PMP Advisory Council Roster (**Attachment 1**).

### **Call for Additional Agenda Items & Adoption of Agenda**

No additional agenda items introduced; agenda adopted.

### **Consideration of Draft Minutes from July 7, 2021 Meeting**

Minutes were approved by consensus with no corrections.

### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

No public comments.

### **Review of Program Operation**

Joe Fontenot, Executive Director - Designate, presented statistical information regarding the program to the council. (**Attachment 2**).

### **Number of Eligible Prescription Transactions Reported to the PMP through September 30, 2021**

Mr. Fontenot explained that the 8.9 million transactions reported to the PMP include:

- Controlled substances (schedules 2 through 5 federally)
- Drugs of concern (butalbital, naloxone, promethazine in oral liquid formulations, and gabapentin containing products)
- Louisiana C-V controlled substances (ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine containing products)
- Therapeutic marijuana recommendations.

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Examining the trajectory for current year 2021, it appears as though we have a large increase in the number of prescriptions dispensed and reported to the PMP. However, after careful review of the information, the increase in the number of prescriptions dispensed are the result of the addition of the two drugs of concern in January 2021, promethazine in oral liquid formulations and gabapentin containing products. Pharmacies are now required to report these dispensed transactions to the PMP as of January 20, 2021. The dispensations reported due to the requirement have increased the number of prescriptions reported to the PMP by 1.25 million prescriptions from January 20, 2021 to September 30, 2021.

### PMP Reporting Comparisons – Opioids

Mr. Fontenot referred to the bar graph in which “All” prescriptions reported to the PMP are compared with “Opioid RXs Only”. The opioid prescriptions include all opiate agonist, opiate partial agonist (buprenorphine containing products used in medication assisted treatment (MAT)), and antitussives containing opioids. From the year 2016 through 2020, Louisiana saw a 29% decrease in the number of opioid prescriptions. Examination of the current data for 2021 projects another decrease in opioid prescriptions dispensed in Louisiana.

PMP Reporting Comparisons – CDS – Mr. Fontenot referenced the bar graph in which “All” prescriptions reported to the PMP are compared with Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS). The CDS prescriptions include all federally scheduled 2 through 5 prescriptions. It does not include Louisiana only scheduled prescriptions, drugs of concern, or therapeutic marijuana recommendations. From the year 2016 through 2020, Louisiana saw a 17% decrease in the number of CDS prescriptions. On review of 2021 reporting statistics, Louisiana appears on track to remain the same statistically as the year 2020 with perhaps even a slight decrease.

### Louisiana Therapeutic Marijuana (TM) Dispensing

Mr. Fontenot pointed out the dramatic increase in therapeutic marijuana recommendations directly correlates with the addition of new diagnosis for which therapeutic marijuana can be recommended. Based on the Heat Map, the greatest concentration of therapeutic marijuana dispensations has been reported in south-east Louisiana. The significant areas of dispensations are East Baton Rouge Parish, the North Shore, and the greater New Orleans area.

### PMP Statewide Integration Project

Mr. Fontenot reported that both the AWA<sup>®</sup> and Gateway<sup>®</sup> searches have vastly increased from 2016 to 2021 with the greatest increase of searches via the PMP integration component, Gateway<sup>®</sup>.

### PMP Interstate Data Sharing through PMP InterConnect<sup>®</sup>

Mr. Fontenot informed the council that Louisiana has started sharing PMP data with two additional states, Colorado and Rhode Island, through PMP InterConnect<sup>®</sup>.

Mr. Fontenot reported that the amount of law enforcement, prosecutorial officials, and specialty court PMP requests have staggered throughout the years. There has been a noticeable decrease in requests recently.

### New Agenda Items Added During Meeting

No new agenda items added.

### Calendar Notes

The Vice-Chair, Lauren Bailey, stated in accordance with the council’s current preference for meeting dates, the meeting dates for the calendar year of 2022 will be January 12, April 13, July 13, and October 12.

### Adjournment

With no business remaining, the Council adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

*Minutes prepared by Nerissa Montgomery and Reshmi Ravindranath, then approved as presented during subsequent Council meeting on April 13, 2022.*



**M E M O R A N D U M**

To: File  
From: Malcolm Broussard  
Date: Oct. 13, 2021  
Re: Amendments to PMP Advisory Council Roster

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Members are listed in the sequence they are identified in R.S. 40:1005.

- 01. President, La. State Board of Medical Examiners**  
Dr. Lester Johnson is the current president, and he has appointed Dr. Vincent Culotta as his designee.
- 02. President, La. State Board of Dentistry**  
Dr. Isaac House is the current president, and he has appointed Mr. Arthur Hickham and Ms. Erin Conner as his designees.
- 03. President, La. State Board of Nursing**  
Dr. Tavell L. Kindall is the current president, and he has appointed Dr. Jennifer Wright as his designee.
- 04. President, La. State Board of Optometry Examiners**  
We still have a vacancy in this position. They have not attended a meeting since October 2008.
- 05. *repealed***
- 06. President, La. Academy of Physician Assistants**  
Mr. Michael Hebert is the current president, and he has appointed Ms. Shelly Esnard as his designee.
- 07. President, La. Board of Pharmacy**  
Mr. Carl Aron is the current president, and he has appointed Mr. Marty McKay as his designee.
- 08. Superintendent, La. State Police**  
Col. Lamar Davis is the current superintendent, and he has appointed Maj. Jason Turner as his designee.

- 09. Administrator, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration**  
Ms. Anne Milgram is the current administrator, and she has not yet appointed a designee. The previous administrator appointed Mr. Lawrence Alexander. We will need an updated member appointment form.
- 10. Speaker, La. House of Representatives**  
Rep. Clay Schexnayder is the current speaker, and he has appointed Rep. Dustin Miller as his designee.
- 11. President, La. Senate**  
Sen. Page Cortez is the current president, and he has not yet replaced his previous designee.
- 12. Chair, House Committee on Health & Welfare**  
Rep. Larry Bagley is the current committee chair, and he has not appointed a designee.
- 13. Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Welfare**  
Sen. Fred Mills is the current committee chair, and he has appointed Ms. Chris Melancon as his designee.
- 14. Secretary, La. Dept. of Health**  
Dr. Courtney Phillips is the current secretary, and she has appointed Dr. Paul Knecht as her designee.
- 15. President, La. State Medical Society**  
Dr. William Freeman is the current president, and he has appointed Ms. Lauren Bailey as his designee.
- 16. President, La. Dental Association**  
Dr. Glen Corcoran is the current president, and he has appointed Ms. Annette Droddy as his designee.
- 17. President, La. Association of Nurse Practitioners**  
Dr. Kathy Baldrige is the current president, and she has not yet appointed a designee. The previous president, Dr. Lisa Bayhi had appointed Dr. Baldrige as her designee. We will need an updated member appointment form.
- 18. President, Optometry Association of Louisiana**  
Dr. Amanda N. Hickman is the current president. We have no member appointment form.
- 19. President, La. Pharmacists Association**  
Mr. Aurdie Bellard is the current president, and he has appointed Mr. Ricky Guidry, Dr. Beverly Walker, and Ms. Crystal Carter as his designees.

20. **President, La. Independent Pharmacies Association**  
Mr. Randal Johnson is the current president, and he has appointed Mr. Russell Caffery and Mr. David Koke as his designees.
21. **President, National Association of Chain Drug Stores**  
Mr. Steven Anderson is the current president, and he has appointed Ms. Mary Staples and Ms. Shelly Dupre as his designees.
22. **President, La. Sheriffs Association**  
Sheriff Brett Stassi is the current president, and he has not yet appointed a designee.
23. **President, La. District Attorneys Association**  
The Hon. Robert Tew is the current president, and he has not yet appointed a designee. The previous president, the Hon. Bofill Duhe, had appointed Ms. Rachel Smith as his designee. We will need an updated member appointment form.
24. **President, Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America**  
Mr. Stephen Ubl is the current president, and he has appointed Ms. Bryanna Clark, Ms. Kristen Parde, and Mr. Kevin Bourque as his designees.
25. **President, La. Academy of Medical Psychologists**  
Dr. David Thomason is the current president, and he has appointed Dr. Joseph Comaty and Mr. Bud Courson as his designees.
26. *repealed*



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# PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM (PMP)

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 13, 2021

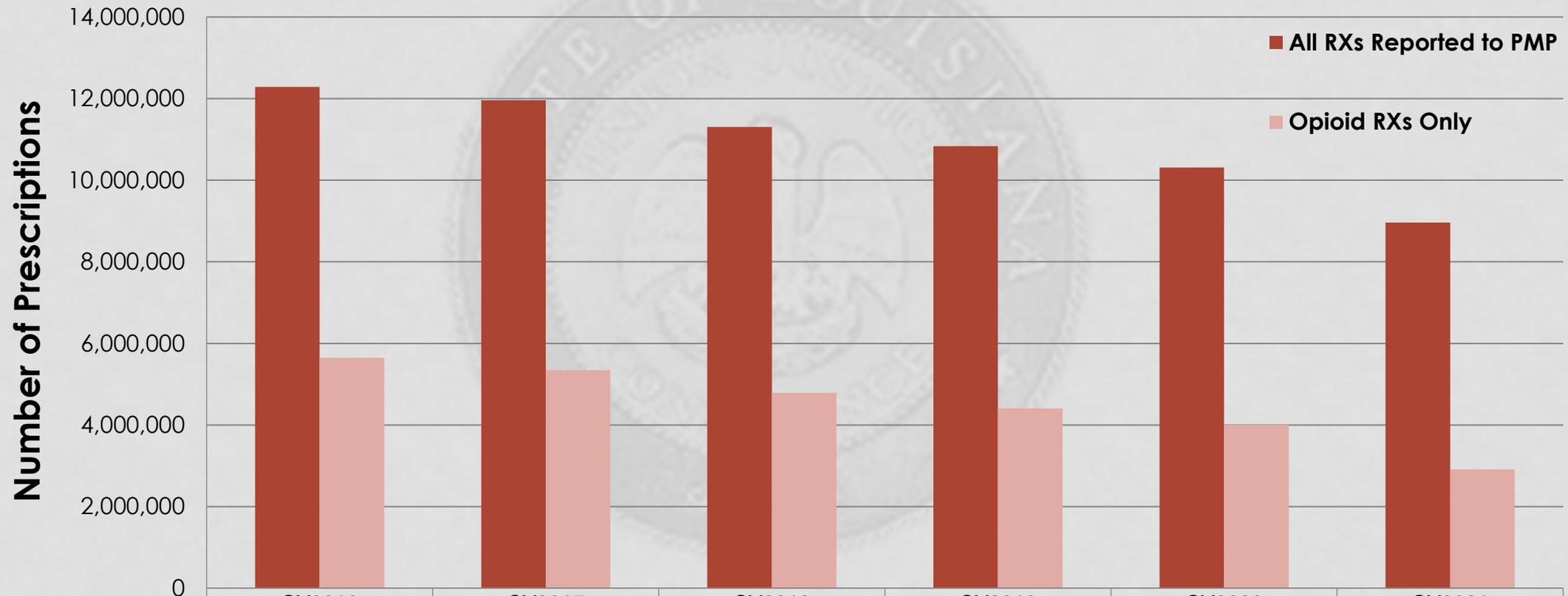
# Number of Eligible Prescription Transactions Reported to the PMP

Reporting through 09/30/2021



# PMP Reporting Comparisons - Opioids

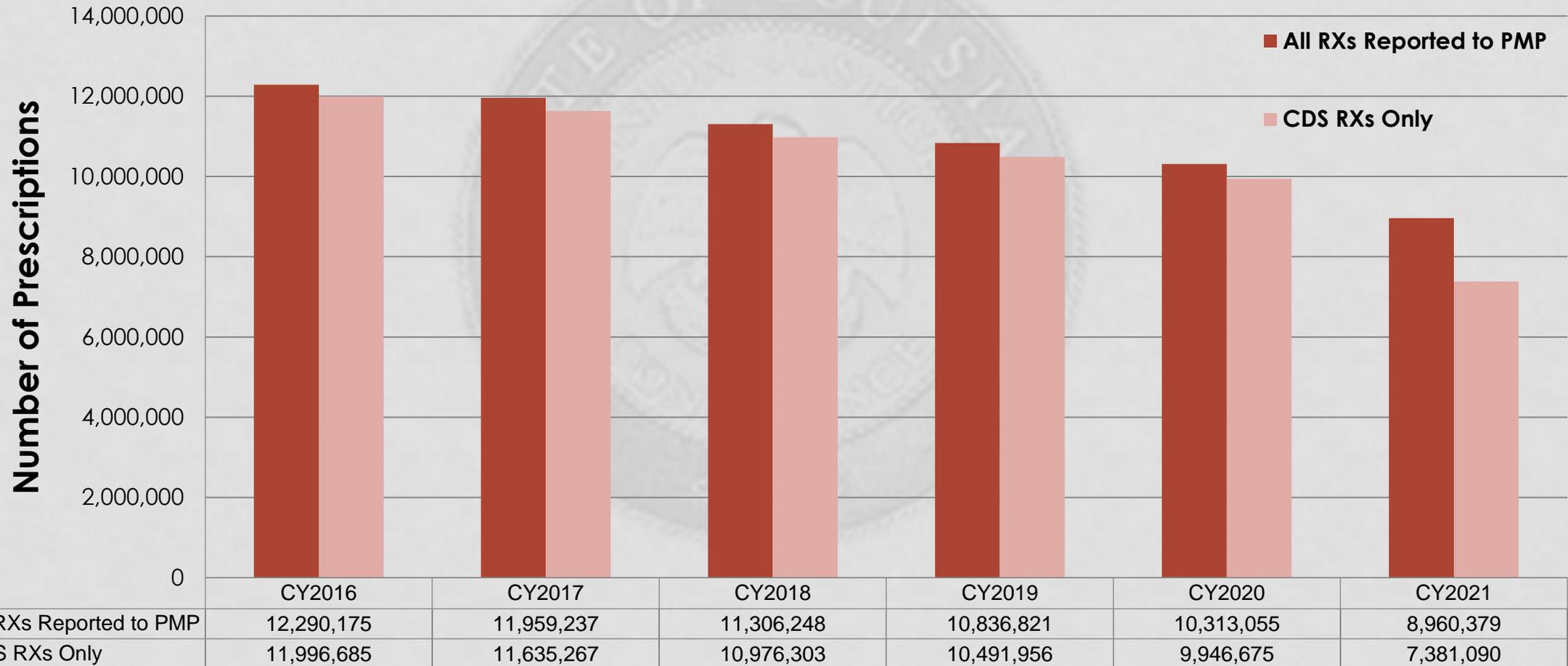
Reporting through 09/30/2021



	CY2016	CY2017	CY2018	CY2019	CY2020	CY2021
All RXs Reported to PMP	12,290,175	11,959,237	11,306,248	10,836,821	10,313,055	8,960,379
Opioid RXs Only	5,647,893	5,340,369	4,785,973	4,409,608	4,003,666	2,911,191

# PMP Reporting Comparisons - CDS

Reporting through 09/30/2021



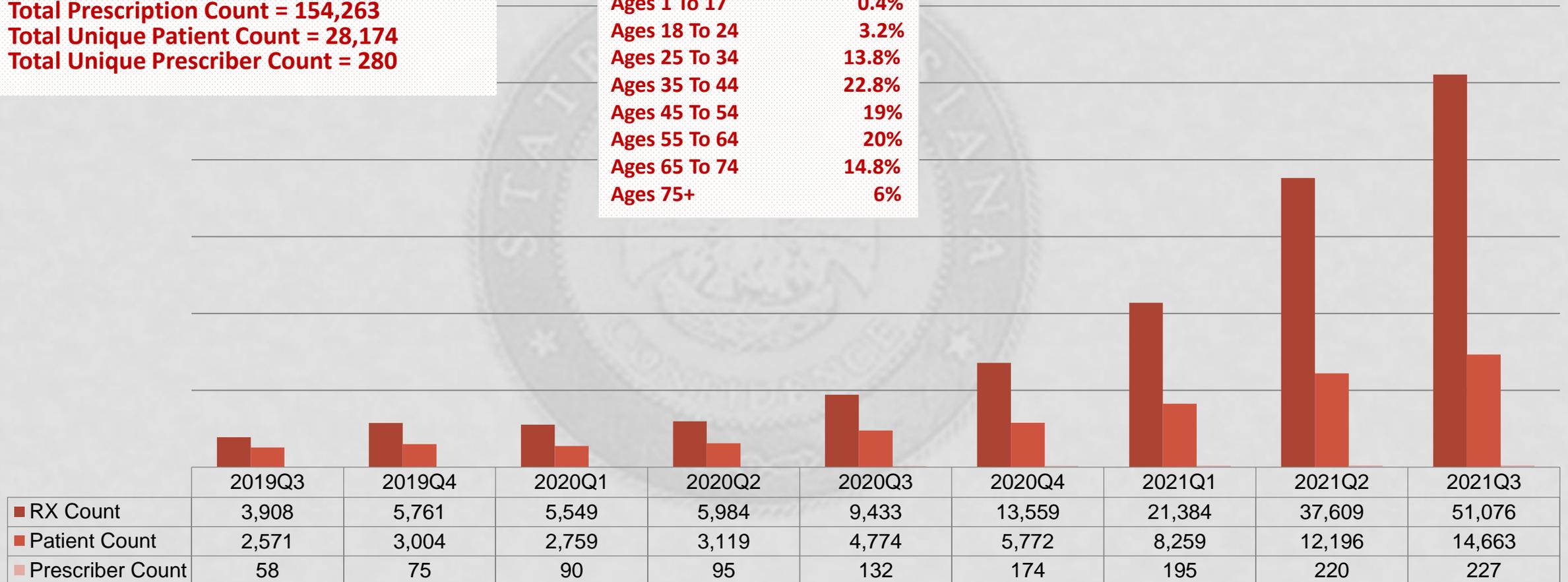
# Louisiana Therapeutic Marijuana (TM) Dispensing

Reporting 08/2019 through 09/30/2021

Total Prescription Count = 154,263  
 Total Unique Patient Count = 28,174  
 Total Unique Prescriber Count = 280

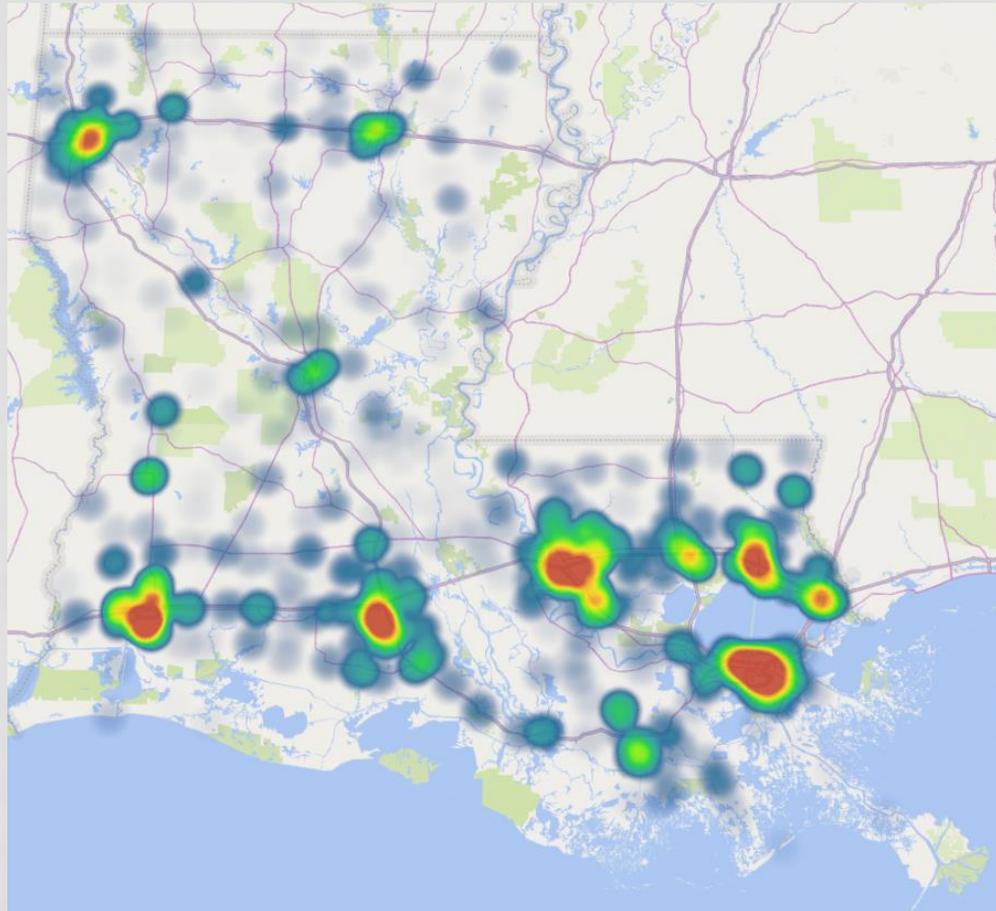
## Patient Count Percentage by Age Band

Ages 1 To 17	0.4%
Ages 18 To 24	3.2%
Ages 25 To 34	13.8%
Ages 35 To 44	22.8%
Ages 45 To 54	19%
Ages 55 To 64	20%
Ages 65 To 74	14.8%
Ages 75+	6%



# Heat Map

## Based on TM Patient Count by Patient Postal Code



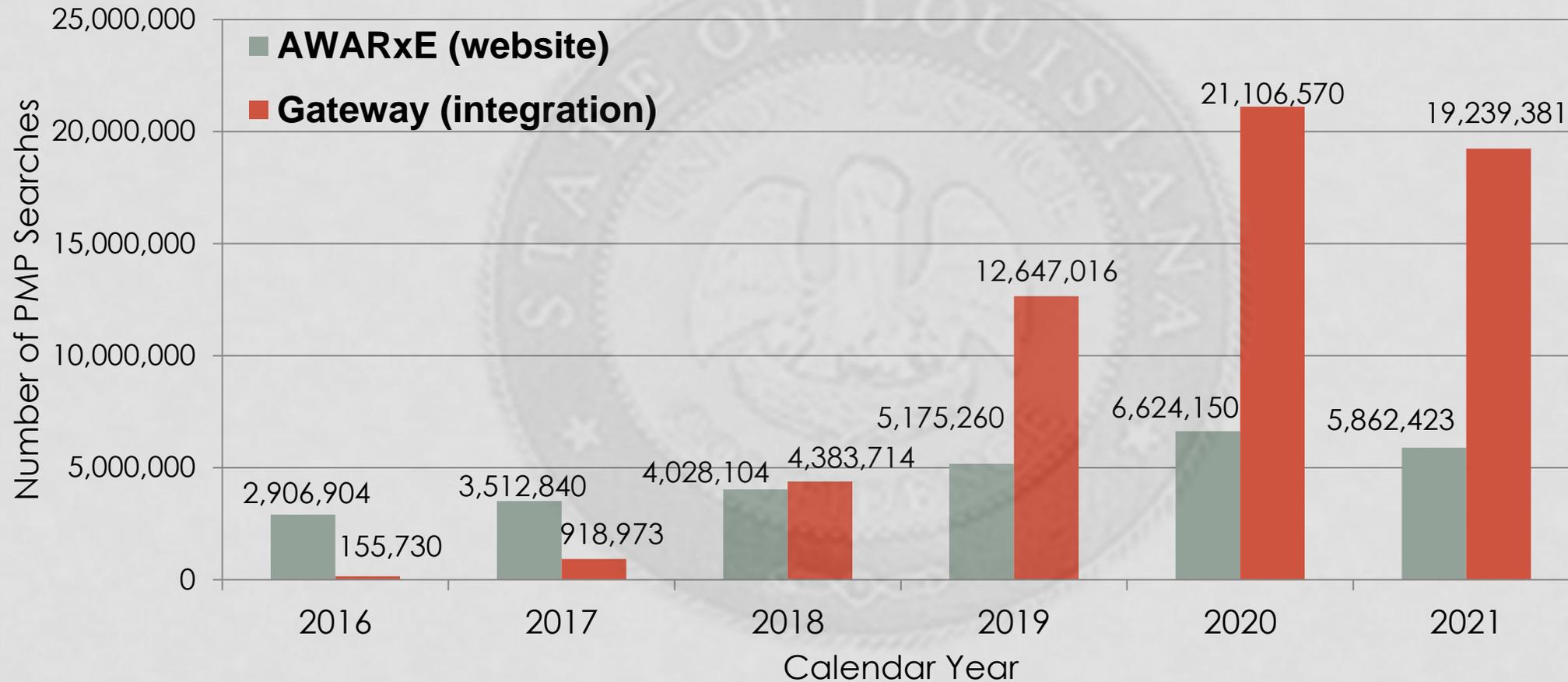
Reporting through 09/30/2021

**PMP User Stats for 2021Q3 (07/01/2021 - 09/30/2021)**

<b>PMP Healthcare Provider Role</b>	Number of Providers <u>Eligible</u> for PMP Access (as of 09/30/2021)	Number of Providers <u>with Active PMP Access Privileges</u> (as of 09/30/2021)	Number of PMP Requests by Providers through <b>AWARxE®</b> During 2021Q3	Number of PMP Requests by Providers through <b>Gateway®</b> During 2021Q3
Physician (MD, DO)	13,433	9,099	472,504	3,906,405
Nurse Practitioner (APRN)	4,351	3,428	184,436	461,923
Dentist (DDS)	2,226	1,539	5,799	796
Physician Assistant (PA)	1,155	882	30,508	52,242
Optometrist (OD)	372	158	9	0
Podiatrist (DPM)	167	118	1,370	0
Medical Psychologist (MP)	95	90	9,141	5,999
Medical Intern/Resident	1,526	1,472	15,757	2,908
Prescriber's Delegate	NA	3,308	199,031	0
Pharmacist (PST)	9,481	4,857	911,811	1,940,883
Pharmacist's Delegate	NA	1,469	108,384	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32,806</b>	<b>26,420</b>	<b>1,938,750</b>	<b>6,371,156</b>

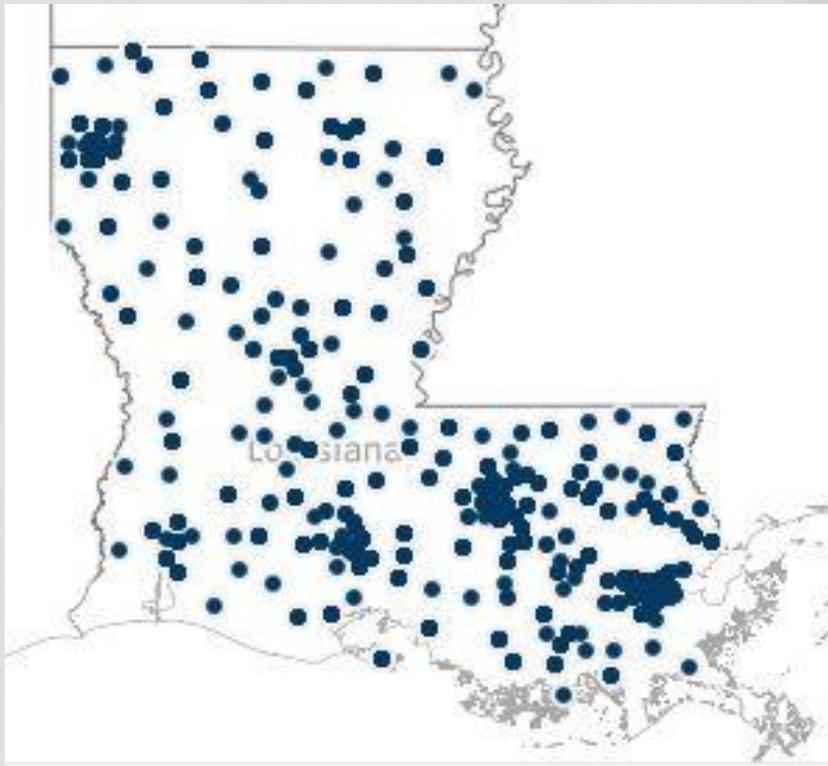
# Louisiana Prescriber & Pharmacist Searches through AWAxR® and Gateway®

(Ending 09/30/2021)



# PMP Statewide Integration Project through Gateway®

As of October 1, 2021, the Louisiana PMP is interoperable with 304 licensees (EHRs and pharmacy management systems) across the state. The 304 licensees represent more than 2,275 facilities in Louisiana and are responsible for 1,901,721 PMP requests in the month of September. The decrease in the number of requests compared to the previous month is contributed to Hurricane Ida.



# PMP Interstate Data Sharing through PMP InterConnect®

**As of September 30, 2021, the Louisiana PMP is sharing with 35 PMPs (1 federal district, 1 territory, 1 federal jurisdiction, and 32 states).**

Alabama	Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas
Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware	D.C.
MHS-DOD	Florida	Georgia	Idaho
Indiana	Iowa	Kansas	Maine
Massachusetts	Michigan	Minnesota	Mississippi
Montana	Nevada	New Mexico	North Carolina
North Dakota	Oklahoma	Pennsylvania	Puerto Rico
Rhode Island	South Carolina	South Dakota	Tennessee
Texas	Virginia	West Virginia.	

# Law Enforcement, Prosecutorial Officials, and Specialty Court PMP Requests

Requests through 09/30/2021

