

Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council State of Louisiana

April 13, 2022

MINUTES

A meeting of the Louisiana Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Advisory Council scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive in Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, convened at 1:17 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 Meetings – October 13, 2021 & January 12, 2022**
- 6. Opportunity for Public Comment**
- 7. Election of Council Officers: Chair and Vice Chair**
- 8. Review of Program Operations**
- 9. Review of Legislative and Regulatory Activity**
- 10. New Agenda Items Added During Meeting**
- 11. Calendar Notes**
- 12. Adjourn**

Advisory Council Representatives/Designees present: Lauren Bailey (Vice Chair of PMP-AC, LSMS) convened the meeting. Also present were Jonathan Bowman (OAL), Dr. Vincent Culotta (LSBME), Dr. Joseph Comaty (LAMP), Crystal Carter (LPA), Lisa Bayhi (LANP), Marty McKay (LBP), Rachel Smith (LDAA), Randal Johnson (LIPA), Shelly Esnard (LAPA), Annette Droddy (LDA).

Others present: Malcolm Broussard, Joe Fontenot, Carlos Finalet, Nerissa Montgomery, Reshmi Ravindranath, Carley Leach (all LABP), and Mary Peyton (LSBME).

Amendments to Council Roster

Ms. Bailey reviewed the amendments to the Council Roster due to the change in leadership at the Board of Dentistry since the last Council meeting. Replacement member appointment forms are needed for the Board of Dentistry and the Sheriffs' Association.

Call for Additional Agenda Items & Adoption of Agenda

No additional agenda items introduced; agenda adopted.

Consideration of Draft Minutes from October 13, 2021 and January 12, 2022 Meetings

Both the October 13, 2021 and January 12, 2022 meeting minutes were approved by consensus with no corrections.

Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comments.

Election of Council Officers: Chair and Vice Chair

The only nomination for the office of Chair was Mr. Marty McKay (LABP). Mr. McKay was elected by acclamation and assumed the office immediately.

The only nomination for the office of Vice Chair was Ms. Lauren Bailey. Ms. Bailey was elected by acclamation and assumed the office immediately.

Review of Program Operation

Joe Fontenot, Executive Director Designate, presented statistical information regarding the program to the council. **(Attachment 1).**

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Mr. Fontenot explained that the PMP program experienced its first increase in the annual number of eligible prescription transactions reported to the PMP and this occurred in calendar year 2021. The increase is a direct result of the additional reporting requirement of two drugs of concern (promethazine in oral liquid formulations and gabapentin containing products) as of January 20, 2021. There is a continued downward trend in the number of opioid and controlled dangerous substance prescriptions being dispensed and reported to the program.

Mr. Fontenot explained that the therapeutic marijuana recommendations significantly increased since January 2022 possibly due to the inclusion of raw marijuana products by legislature. Mr. Malcolm expounded the increase is most likely due to the increase in knowledge of the program. Mr. Fontenot reported that both the AWARxE© and Gateway© searches have increased significantly since 2016. The searches performed through the Gateway© far exceeds the AWARxE© website searches. Additional grant funding was obtained from the LDH - Office of Public Health - Bureau of Community Preparedness which will cover the licensing fees associated with Gateway© integration from April 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Thus far, the LDH has paid for four full years of integration costs totaling approximately 3 million dollars. Prompted by a question from Dr. Culotta, Mr. Fontenot explained that with the interoperability of the EHR vendor, Athena Health, the PMP integration availability in rural areas has significantly expanded over the past two years. Mr. Fontenot reported that the amount of law enforcement, prosecutorial officials, and specialty court PMP requests have staggered throughout the years and continues to decline.

Review of Legislative and Regulatory Activity

Mr. Broussard reviewed legislative and regulatory proposals which can be located under the Public Library, Rulemaking Activity portion of the Board of Pharmacy website.

New Agenda Items Added During Meeting

No new agenda items added.

Calendar Notes

The Chair, Mr. Marty McKay, stated in accordance with the council's current preference for meeting dates, the meeting dates for the calendar year of 2022 will be July 13, and October 12.

Adjournment

With no business remaining, the council meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing are true and accurate minutes.

Malcolm J. Broussard
Executive Director
Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

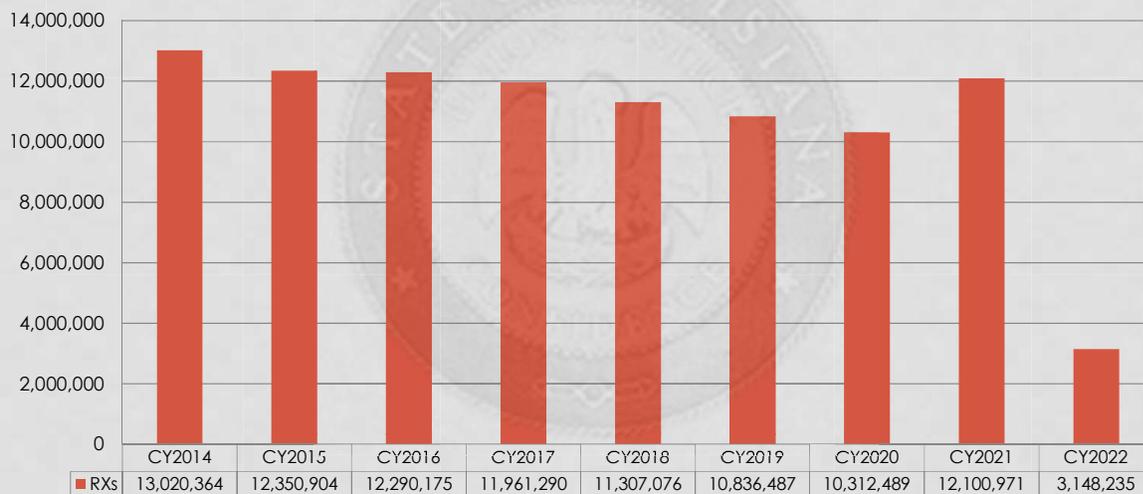


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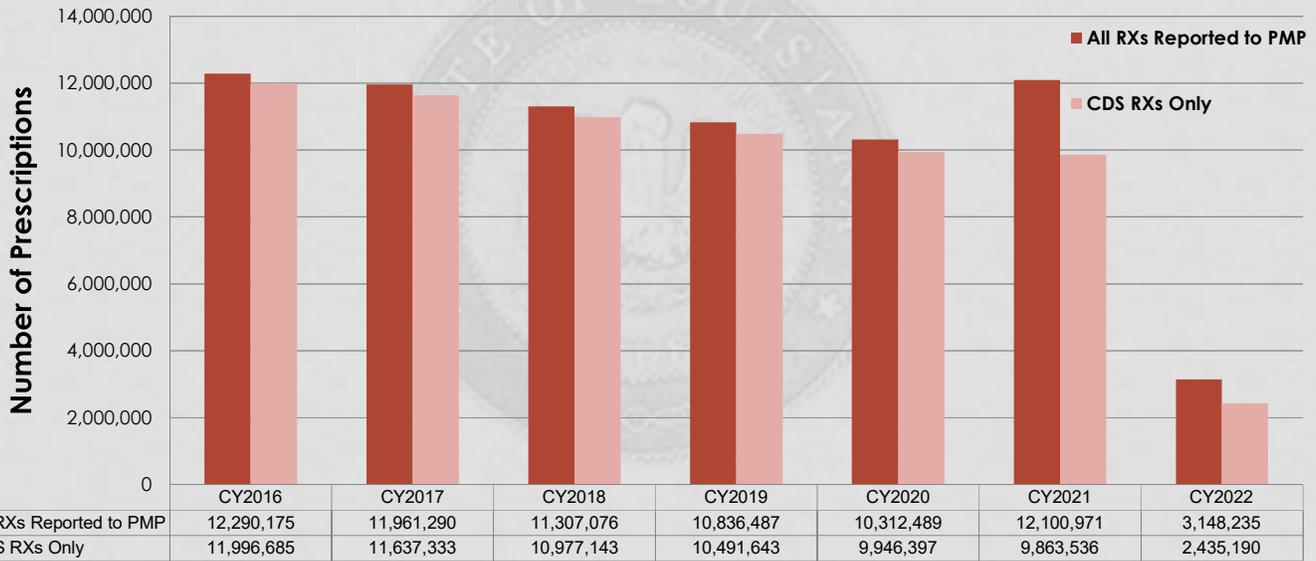
Number of Eligible Prescription Transactions Reported to the PMP

Reporting through 3/31/2022



PMP Reporting Comparisons - CDS

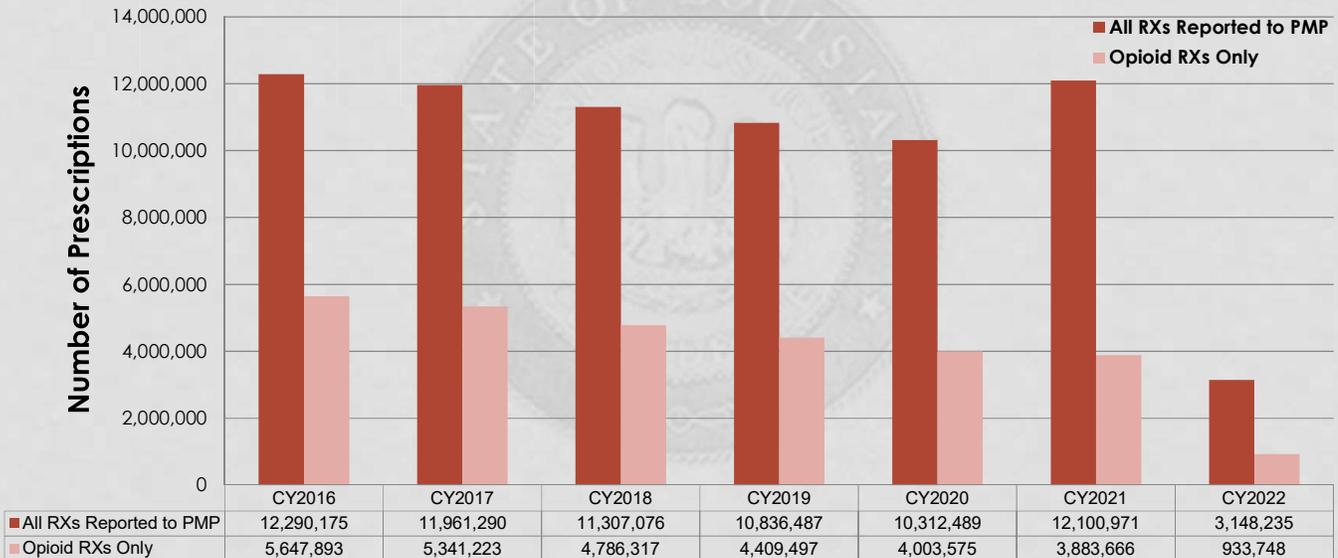
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PMP Reporting Comparisons - Opioids

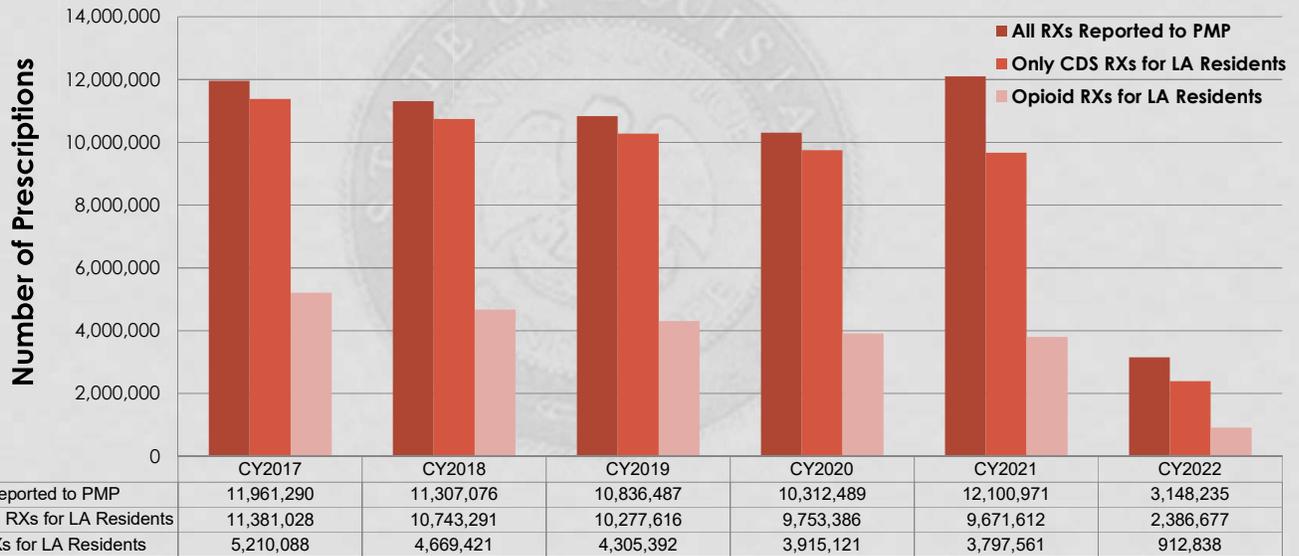
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PMP Reporting Comparisons

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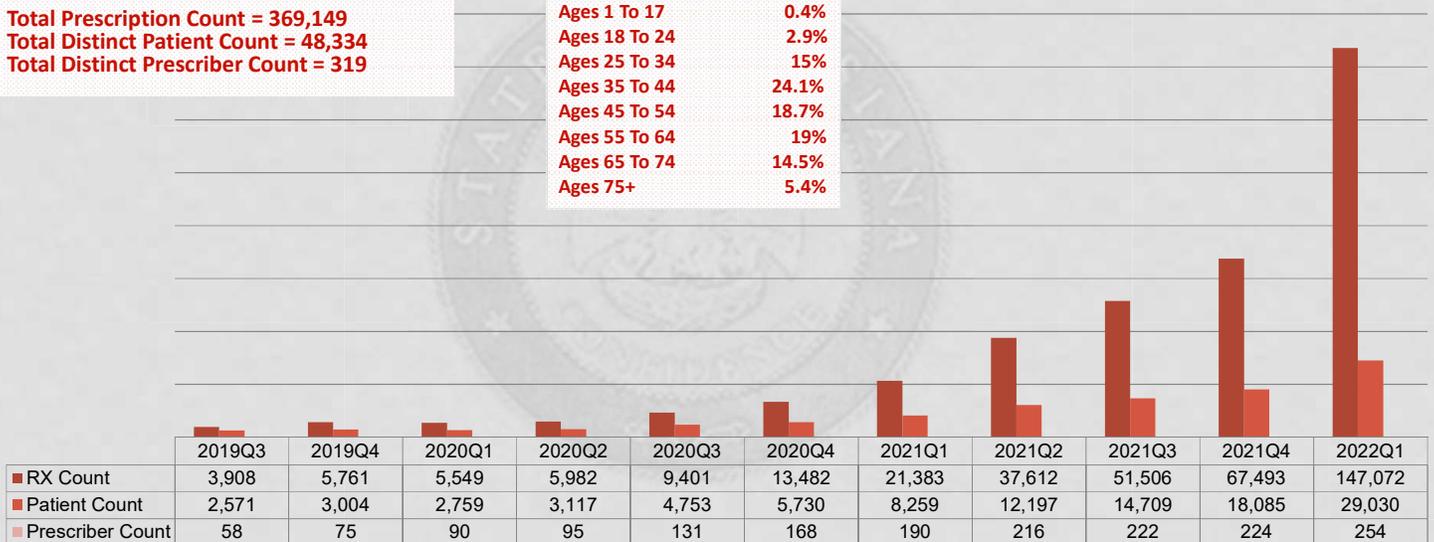
Louisiana Therapeutic Marijuana (TM) Dispensing Statistics

Reporting 08/2019 through 03/31/2022

Total Prescription Count = 369,149
 Total Distinct Patient Count = 48,334
 Total Distinct Prescriber Count = 319

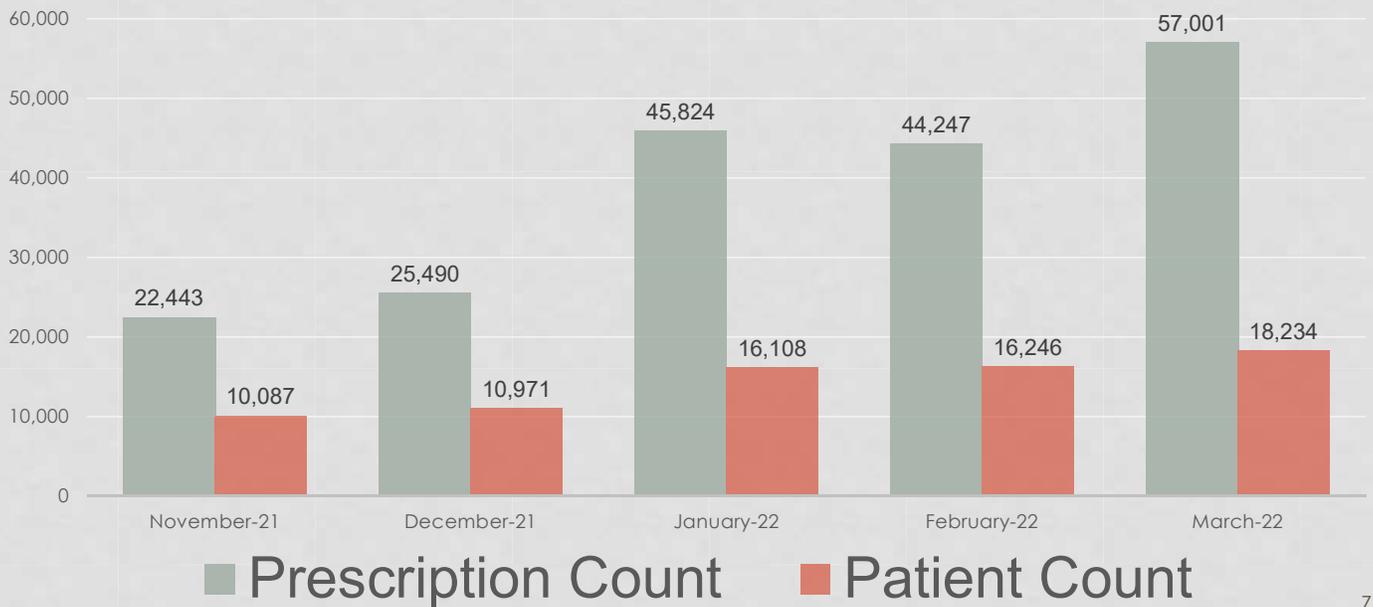
Patient Count Percentage
by Age Band

Ages 1 To 17	0.4%
Ages 18 To 24	2.9%
Ages 25 To 34	15%
Ages 35 To 44	24.1%
Ages 45 To 54	18.7%
Ages 55 To 64	19%
Ages 65 To 74	14.5%
Ages 75+	5.4%



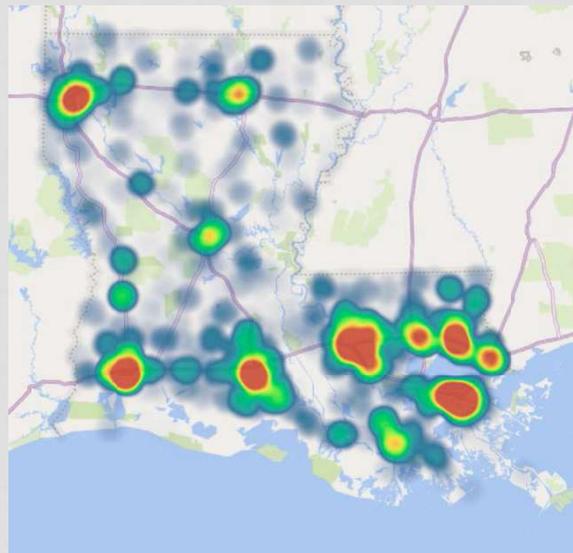
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Heat Map Based on TM Patient Count by Patient Postal Code



Reporting through 03/31/2022

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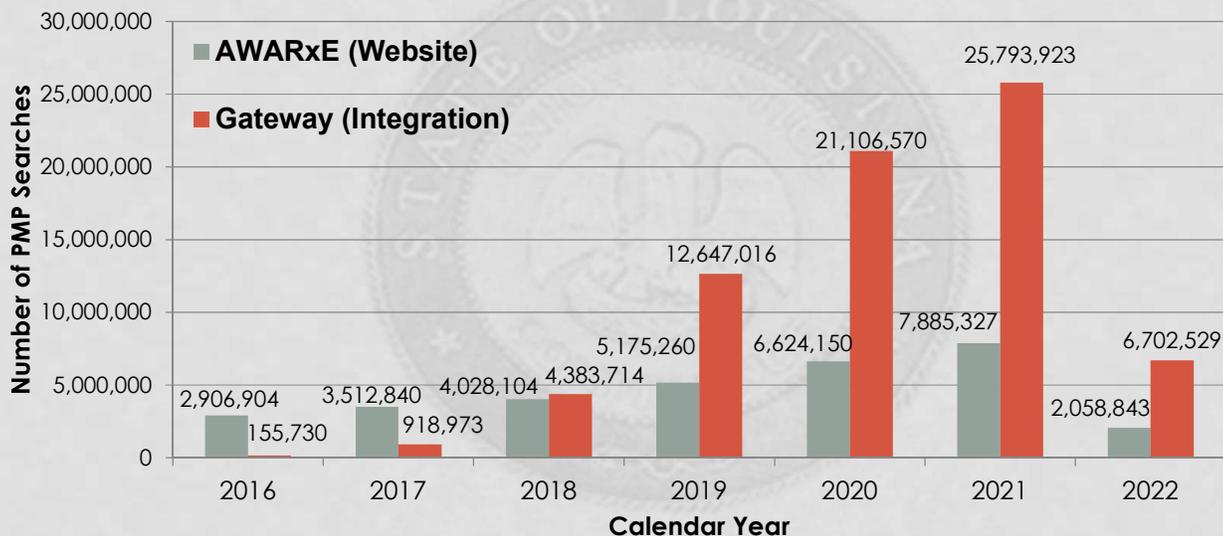
PMP User Stats for 2022Q1 (01/01/2022 - 03/31/2022)

PMP Healthcare Provider Role	Number of Providers Eligible for PMP Access (as of 03/31/2022)	Number of Providers with Active PMP Access Privileges (as of 03/31/2022)	Number of PMP Requests by Providers through AWAxR [®] During 2022Q1	Number of PMP Requests by Providers through Gateway [®] During 2022Q1
Physician (MD, DO)	13,550	9,304	499,959	4,035,613
Nurse Practitioner (APRN)	4,576	3,611	207,386	488,476
Dentist (DDS)	2,276	1,518	5,910	1219
Physician Assistant (PA)	1,183	943	36,237	55,818
Optometrist (OD)	368	157	2	4
Podiatrist (DPM)	166	118	1,661	0
Medical Psychologist (MP)	97	92	9,196	5,085
Medical Intern/Resident	1,625	1,167	10,347	3,743
Prescriber's Delegate	NA	3,501	191,136	0
Pharmacist (PST)	9,362	4,964	980,651	2,112,571
Pharmacist's Delegate	NA	1,563	116,358	0
Totals	33,203	26,938	2,058,843	6,702,529

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Louisiana Prescriber & Pharmacist Searches through AWAxR[®] and Gateway[®]

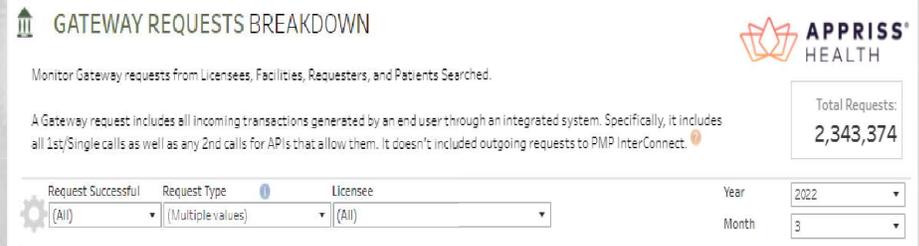
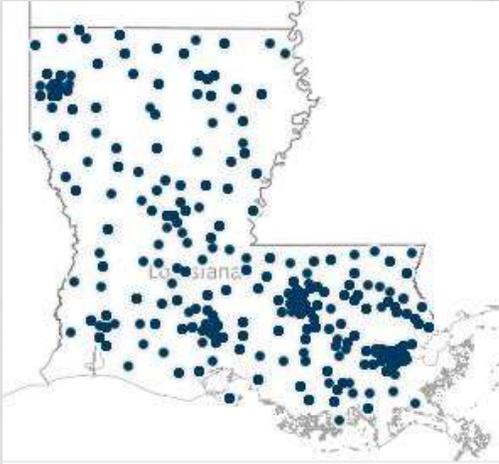
(Ending 3/31/2022)



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PMP Statewide Integration Project through Gateway®

As of April 1, 2022, the Louisiana PMP is interoperable with **381 licensees** (EHRs and pharmacy management systems) across the state. The **381** licensees represent more than **2,300 facilities** in Louisiana and are responsible for **2,343,374 PMP requests** in the month of **March 2022**. There are an additional 291 licensee applicants pending.



PMP Interstate Data Sharing through PMP InterConnect®

As of March 31, 2022, 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

