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Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)

Annual Report

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INTRODUCTION

Act 676 of the 2006 Louisiana Legislature authorized the development, implementation, and operation of an electronic system for the monitoring of controlled substances and other drugs of concern that are dispensed in the state or dispensed to an address within the state. The goal of the program is to improve the state's ability to identify and inhibit the diversion of controlled substances and drugs of concern in an efficient and cost-effective manner that will not impede the appropriate utilization of these drugs for legitimate medical purposes.

The Louisiana Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) was implemented in August 2008. Pharmacies and dispensing prescribers were instructed how and when to transmit their dispensing transactions to the program vendor for assimilation into the PMP database. Prescribers, dispensers, and other persons authorized by law to access PMP information were instructed how to secure their access privileges. The web portal to the PMP database was opened to searches and requests on January 1, 2009, and the program remains fully operational.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

The enabling legislation created the PMP Advisory Council to assist the Board in the development and operation of the program. The council consists of the following members, each of whom may appoint a designee:

1. The president of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners;
2. The president of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry;
3. The president of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing;
4. The president of the Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners;
5. The president of the Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants;
6. The president of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy;
7. The superintendent of the Louisiana State Police;
8. The administrator of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration;
9. The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives;
10. The president of the Louisiana Senate;
11. The chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare;
12. The chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare;
13. The secretary of the Department of Health;
14. The president of the Louisiana State Medical Society;
15. The president of the Louisiana Dental Association;
16. The president of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners;
17. The president of the Optometry Association of Louisiana;
18. The president of the Louisiana Pharmacists Association;
19. The president of the Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association;
20. The president of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores;
21. The president of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association;
22. The president of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association;
23. The president of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America;
24. The president of the Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists.

During Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the council convened a quorum of members on February 11, 2026. The program staff presented a variety of statistical information including the number of prescription transactions reported to the program database as well as the number of searches and requests for information to the database by prescribers, dispensers, law enforcement, prosecutorial officials, and specialty courts. The staff also reported on the PMP InterConnect® interstate data sharing network, as well as the increased utilization by the private sector of the PMP Gateway® service, which offers interoperability of the PMP with existing practice information systems in a variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics, practitioner offices, and pharmacies.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS – FY26

- **August 1, 2025** – Act 159 of the 2025 Louisiana Legislature establishes provisions for the retention, archiving, and destruction of audit trail information within the PMP.
- **March 20, 2026** – The Board of Pharmacy published a final rule amending Section 2914 relative to PMP record retention. Pursuant to Act 159 of the 2025 Louisiana Legislature, which directs the Board to establish rulemaking standards for the retention, archiving, and destruction of PMP audit trail information, the rule adds audit trail information to the records required to be maintained by the PMP. The amendment also simplifies existing regulatory language.
- **April 2, 2026** – Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) provided additional federal grant money to continue funding the Gateway® PMP Statewide Integration Project for the period October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- **June 30, 2026** – as of this date, the Louisiana PMP participates in interstate data sharing of PMP information with 38 PMPs: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, D.C., Military Health System – Dept. of Defense (MHS-DOD), Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

LOUISIANA PMP STATEWIDE INTEGRATION PROJECT

On January 1, 2019, the Board partnered with the Louisiana Department of Health's Office of Public Health, Bureau of Community Preparedness (LDH-OPH-BCP) and Bamboo Health to provide a statewide PMP integration option to all healthcare providers in Louisiana utilizing a service called PMP Gateway®. Gateway® offers healthcare providers an option to integrate PMP data within the provider's electronic health record (EHR) or pharmacy information system to provide a streamlined clinical workflow for providers. The integration eliminates the need for providers to log in separately to the PMP web portal; instead, the EHR automatically initiates a patient query and returns the patient's PMP information directly within the provider's EHR or pharmacy information system.

The statewide initiative has been funded through grants obtained from LDH-OPH-BCP which covered the costs from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2026.

As of June 30, 2026, the Louisiana PMP was interoperable with 899 licensees (EHRs and pharmacy management systems) across the state. The 899 licensees represent more than 3,100 facilities in Louisiana and were responsible for 3,318,883 PMP requests in the month of June 2026.

PROGRAM METRICS

The following information provides summary data for the operational aspects of the program for Calendar Year 2025 (CY25). The following 3 tables indicate the number of PMP requests performed by user role for the calendar year. The first table presents information about the use of the information by authorized prescribers, pharmacists, and their delegates. Data for the different roles of users are presented, including the number authorized to obtain PMP access privileges, the number with active access privileges, and the number of queries to the PMP database through the PMP website (AWARxE®) and through the integration component (Gateway®). Additionally, information about the use of the information by other authorized users, including law enforcement, prosecutorial officials, specialty courts, regulatory agencies, and other roles.

Healthcare User Role	Number Eligible for Access	Number with Access	PMP User Requests AWARxE®	PMP User Requests Gateway®
Physician (MD, DO)	14,326	10,003	2,442,390	28,650,230
Nurse Practitioner (APRN)	6,139	4,915	1,234,210	3,128,883
Dentist (DDS)	2,377	1,532	20,807	9,313
Physician Assistant (PA)	1,597	1,303	258,293	469,450
Optometrist (OD)	372	158	17	1,133
Podiatrist (DPM)	167	117	8,065	0
Medical Psychologist (MP)	108	95	27,413	40,643
Medical Intern/Resident	2,049	1,503	74,827	883,559
Prescriber's Delegate	NA	3,191	694,681	NA
Pharmacist	10,091	5,746	5,351,465	15,969,182
Pharmacist's Delegate	NA	1,642	327,487	NA
Totals	37,226	30,205	10,439,655	49,152,393

Law Enforcement, Prosecutorial Officials, and Specialty Courts	Requests CY2025
DEA (Patient Requests)	151
Specialty Court	168
FBI	10
Local Law Enforcement	113
State Attorney General	5
State Police	13
HHS-OIG	10
Total	470

Regulatory Agencies; Other Roles	Requests CY2025
Board of Pharmacy PMP	1,546
Board of Medical Examiners	492
Board of Nursing	14
DEA (Registrant Requests)	596
Medical Examiner/Coroner	1,171
Louisiana Medicaid Program	143
Total	3,962

The following three tables presents information concerning the numbers of controlled substance prescriptions and drugs of concern dispensed in the state, including summary data by drug schedule and drug classes. Just over 12 million prescriptions for controlled substances and drugs of concern were dispensed in the state during Calendar Year 2025, with an average of 2.507 prescriptions per Louisiana resident.

Calendar Year (CY) 2025	Statistic
Prescriptions Reported to PMP	12,058,652
Prescriptions Per Capita	2.507
Days Supply	314,680,992

Drug Schedule	Prescription Count
Schedule 2	4,833,249
Schedule 3	1,033,958
Schedule 4	3,591,332
Schedule 5	529,613
Non-scheduled Prescriptions	2,070,500
Total	12,058,652

Drug Class	Prescription Count
Opioid	3,436,543
Benzodiazepine	2,074,669
Anxiolytic, Hypnotic, Sedative	1,143,896
Stimulants	2,612,769
Other	2,790,775
Total	12,058,652

CONCLUSION

On December 31, 2025, the program completed seventeen years of operation, marked by significant improvements and sustained functionality. Feedback from authorized users indicates that the program is a resource-efficient and cost-effective solution. Consistent trends in the data suggest measurable progress in reducing the diversion of controlled substances.

We are grateful for the continued partnership and meaningful contributions from members of the Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council. We also acknowledge the contributions from our administrative coordinators, Ms. Reshmi Ravindranath, Ms. Christina Howland, and Ms. Nerissa Montgomery for their assistance with the development of this report and administrative oversight of the program.

Respectfully submitted,

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