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Dear Montana Licensed Health Care Provider,

You are receiving this communication to introduce you to the **NEW Montana Prescription Drug Registry (MPDR) system**, hosted by Appriss PMP AWARxE, and to review MPDR requirements as a Montana licensee.

The MPDR provides a list of controlled substances dispensed to patients and permits authorized users to access the information for the purpose of improving patient safety, including the identification of possible misuse or diversion of controlled substances.

New MPDR Vendor and Online System

We are pleased to announce that as of **March 4, 2021**, the **NEW MPDR system is available through Appriss PMP AWARxE**. The new MPDR homepage, www.mpdr.mt.gov, has detailed information about the MPDR in **User Guides, Quick Reference Guides, and frequently asked questions**.

If you have not registered or logged into MPDR, follow the steps below to access the new MPDR:

- Go to [MPDR PMP AWARxE \[montana.pmpaware.net\]](http://montana.pmpaware.net) [[Inks.gd](#)]
 - **Previous MPDR account holders** – Your account was transferred to the new MPDR. Choose “Reset Password” and enter in the email address associated to your previous account. If you no longer have access to that email address, please contact the MPDR at 406-841-2240 or dlibsdpdr@mt.gov.
 - **New Users of the MPDR** – Choose “Create an Account”. When entering your professional license number, please include letters and dashes.
- Complete your AWARxE profile (required fields are marked with a red asterisk *):
 - For prescribers, adding your DEA number allows you to use the *My RX Search* function to view all prescriptions attributed to your DEA number.
 - After completing your profile, you will sign up for Multi-Factor Authentication and select which method to receive verification codes (text message and/or email).
- To search for patient information/reports, please review the [Quick Reference Guide: Making a Patient Request \[Inks.gd\]](#). For more detailed information, review the comprehensive [MPDR PMP AWARxE Registered User Guide \[Inks.gd\]](#).
- **Delegate Process** – **All** delegates need to register for a new account with MPDR, which involves entering their MPDR Supervising Provider’s email address. A Supervising Provider will receive an email notification when a delegate chooses you as a supervisor. You must approve or deny requests within your MPDR account. Delegates will **not** be able to search patient reports on your behalf until you approve their access. Delegate relationships must be renewed every six months.

- **Interstate Data Sharing** – MPDR continues to provide interstate data sharing and is now connected with 28 states, including all bordering states.

Highlights of the New MPDR System

There are many advantages to the new Appriss PMP AWARe software system that hosts prescription monitoring programs in 43 other states and territories. Key enhancements include:

- **Patient Profile Matching** – This function merges profiles with name variations. (i.e. Robert Jones and Bobby Jones with the same DOB and address).
- **Batch Patient Search** – Upload a spreadsheet or manually enter in all your patients for the day and retrieve their medication history quickly from the Request History section.
- **NarxCare Clinical Tools** – NarxCare scores and graphs summarize your patient’s controlled substance history and potential risk.
- **Patient Clinical Alerts** – Notifications are displayed on your user dashboard and directly on the NarxCare report if your patient meets thresholds set by the State Administrator.
- **Workflow Integration** – Coming soon. MPDR is partnering with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services to fund and implement statewide integration through Appriss Gateway. Integration will allow access to MPDR information directly through health information systems, including electronic health records, health information exchange, and pharmacy dispensing systems.

MPDR Requirements

As a reminder, the following MPDR requirements were established in the 2019 Legislative Session:

- **Mandatory Registration and Fee Payment:** Effective October 1, 2019, all Montana licensees authorized to prescribe or dispense prescription drugs are required to register with the MPDR, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) [MCA 37-7-1503 \[lnks.gd\]](#), and pay the annual \$30 MPDR fee at the time of license renewal, [MCA 37-7-1511 \[lnks.gd\]](#).
- **Prescriber Mandatory Use:** Effective July 1, 2021, a prescriber, or an agent of the prescriber, is required to search a patient’s MPDR record before issuing a prescription for an opioid or a benzodiazepines to the patient, except in certain circumstances, [MCA 37-7-1515 \[lnks.gd\]](#).

Resources

- **Registration** – [Information for Registered Users \[lnks.gd\]](#)
- **Quick Reference and User Guides** – See the [Quick Reference Guide: How to Search Patient History in MPDR PMP AWARe \[lnks.gd\]](#) and the [MPDR PMP AWARe Registered User Guide \[lnks.gd\]](#) for more details on registration, functionality, and clinical tools.
- [Clearinghouse Information for Facilities Reporting to MPDR \[lnks.gd\]](#)
- **MPDR Homepage** – [mpdr.mt.gov \[lnks.gd\]](#)
- **MPDR Statutes and Rules** – [Montana Code Annotated \(MCA\) 37-7-1501 through 1515 \[lnks.gd\]](#) and [Administrative Rules of Montana \(ARM\) 24.174.1701 through 1715 \[lnks.gd\]](#)

Contact Information

- For technical assistance, please call the Appriss Customer First Center by phone at 1-833-307-0309 or [create a ticket for support \[lnks.gd\]](#).
- If you have policy questions, please contact the MPDR at (406)841-2240 or by email at dlibsdpdr@mt.gov.

Best Regards,

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