

INFORMATION ON THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM (CSPMP)

What is the purpose of the CSPMP?

A.R.S. § 36-2602 requires each medical practitioner who is licensed under Title 32 and who possesses a DEA registration to also possess a current controlled substances prescription monitoring program registration issued by the Board. This registration includes: MD, DO, DDS, DMD, DPM, HMD, PA, NP, ND, and OD. The purpose of this legislation is to improve the State's ability to identify controlled substance abusers or misusers and refer them for treatment, and to identify and stop diversion of prescription controlled substance drugs in an efficient and cost effective manner.

Who is required to register to use the CSPMP?

Per Arizona State statute 36-2606.

Registration Requirements:

- A. Beginning November 1, 2007 and pursuant to rules adopted by the board, each medical practitioner who is issued a license pursuant to title 32 and who possesses a registration under the federal controlled substances act must have a current controlled substance prescription monitoring program registration issued by the board.

Who can have access to the CSPMP?

Medical Practitioners - information concerning a current or prospective patient or controlled substance information filed under that practitioner's DEA number.

Pharmacists – information related to a patient when a controlled substance prescription is presented to be filled.

Patients – individuals can request their own prescription information.

Boards – Professional licensing boards for complaints/investigation of a licensee.

Law Enforcement – Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities on an authorized investigation.

AHCCCS – Administrative authorities for a complaint or investigation of persons receiving services.

***Note: Registration and Access are two different things. Registration is required by law. Access is not required by law, but is recommended.**

What is the CSPMP utilized for?

- 1) Computerized central database tracking system tracks prescribing, dispensing and consumption of Schedule II, III, IV controlled substances in AZ.
- 2) Assists law enforcement in identifying potential illegal activity related to prescribing, dispensing and consumption of these medications.
- 3) Provides information to patients, medical practitioners and pharmacists to help avoid inappropriate use of these medications.
- 4) Minimizes inconvenience to patients, prescribing medical practitioners and pharmacies while effectuating collection and storage of this information.

Who is currently registered to use the CSPMP (as of 10/31/13)?

Practitioner (5416) 24%; Pharmacists (3006) 47%

* *The database is currently underutilized.*

Who is using the database?

Of those registered users, the percentage of queries made by each group is:

Practitioners (48.2%); Pharmacists (51.7%); Law enforcement (0.07%); Healthcare Boards (0.03%)

Use the PMP report as a *tool*.

- Review any additional records available.
- Validate unexpected information.
- Contact prescribers or pharmacies listed for more details
- Review the patient's history and patterns of drug use.
- What a patient received over the last 6-12 months is more important than what they got last week.

How to ACCESS the CSPMP:

For detailed instructions on how to get set up with password access:
<http://www.azpharmacy.gov/pmp/pdfs/db%20access.pdf>

For more information about CSPMP and about the Arizona Prescription Drug Reduction Initiative please see:

<http://www.azcjc.gov/ACJC.Web/Rx/presentations.aspx>

The screenshot shows the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Contact Us, Site Map, Employment, and Latest News. The main header features the ACJC logo and the Arizona Official Web Site logo. A search bar is located in the top right. The left sidebar contains a menu with categories like About ACJC, Finance & Administration, Criminal Justice Systems, Victim Services, Drug, Gang & Violent Crime, Statistical Analysis Center, Public Information Office, Grants, and Criminal Justice Resources. The main content area is titled "Rx Presentations" and lists four items: "The Arizona Prescription Drug Reduction Initiative", "Controlled Substance Prescription Monitoring Program", "Emergency Department Pain Management", and "Prevention in the Home". A right sidebar contains "Rx Home", "Initiative Strategies" (with five numbered points), and "Pilot Counties". An arrow points from the URL above to the "The Arizona Prescription Drug Reduction Initiative" link.

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The screenshot shows the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy (ASBP) website. The top navigation bar includes the ASBP logo, the text "Arizona State Board of Pharmacy", "Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program", and the Arizona Official Web Site logo. A search bar is located in the top right. The left sidebar contains a menu with categories like Home, ASBP Home, Affidavits, DB Access Request Forms, FAQs, Forms, Get Database Access, Manuals, Rules / Regulations, Pharmacist Best Practices, and Emergency Department. The main content area is titled "System Requirements" and lists the following: "Internet access with Internet Explorer (version 6.0 or above)", "Adobe Acrobat Reader (version 6.0 or above)", "A computer from which you can print", and "A working e-mail address". Below this is the "Access" section, which states: "Under Arizona law only the following persons or entities are allowed access to the controlled substances database. Access is controlled by ASBP through careful identity and credential check." The "Access" section lists four categories: "MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS", "PHARMACISTS", "PATIENTS", and "BOARDS". A right sidebar contains "Contact Information" for Dean Wright (CSPMP Director) and Rich Cieslinski (CSPMP Manager), including their phone numbers and email addresses. An arrow points from the URL above to the "MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS" link.

Information on Best Practice Guidelines for dispensing controlled substances:

<http://www.azpharmacy.gov/pmp/pdfs/pharmacist%20best%20practices.pdf>

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- Adobe Acrobat Reader (version 6.0 or above)
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- **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS:** A licensed medical practitioner (MD, DO, DDS, DMD, DPM, NP, PA, OD, ND, NMD, and HMD) for information concerning a current or prospective patient.
- **PHARMACISTS:** A licensed pharmacist for information related to the patient or prescriber of a controlled substance prescription presented to be filled.
- **PATIENTS:** An individual requesting the individual's own prescription monitoring program information.
- **BOARDS:** Authorized representatives of the professional licensing boards for a complaint or investigation of a licensee as authorized under A.R.S. § 36-2604(C)(3).
- **LAW ENFORCEMENT:** Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities for an individual complaint or investigation as authorized under A.R.S. § 36-2604(C)(4).
- **AHCCCS:** AHCCCS Administration authorities for a complaint or investigation of a persons receiving services under A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 29 as authorized under A.R.S. § 36-2604(C)(5).

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***** Our goal is to increase registration and utilization of the CSPMP *****

This is a computerized central database used to track the prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances in Arizona. While the database should not be relied upon as the sole evidence of a patient's controlled substance utilization, it can be used as a tool to help avoid over prescribing of controlled substances.

Any medical practitioner who possesses a license and a DEA registration is required, by law, to be registered with the CSPMP. Access to the database is a privilege for those who are registered and is a valuable resource to assist medical practitioners in detecting possible diversion, abuse and misuse of controlled prescription medication.