



STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
**COMMERCE**  
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Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Board of Pharmacy

Prescription Drug  
Monitoring Program

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Dear Managing Pharmacist or Dispensing Practitioner:

On August 16, 2010, the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing entered into a contract to manage the reporting and data collection for the Alaska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) with McKesson Corporation and its division RelayHealth. AS 08.80.030(b)(11) / AS 17.30.200 requires the Board of Pharmacy to develop a computerized program to track controlled substance prescriptions for every prescription for a schedule IA, IIA, IIIA, IVA, or VA controlled substance under state law or a schedule I, II, III, IV, or V controlled substance under federal law scheduled II-V (federal) drugs that are dispensed by all registered Alaska pharmacies and dispensers.

- Data submission registration has already begun. If you have not registered, registration information is available here: <https://dc.pmp.relayhealth.com/AK>
- Test files can be sent to [AKPMP@relayhealth.com](mailto:AKPMP@relayhealth.com)
- Actual data submission will begin on August 1, 2011

All dispensers are required to submit data using the ASAP 2007 (version 4.1) reporting format with a monthly batch reporting cycle due by the 5th of the following month for all prescriptions dispensed on and between the first day and the last day of the previous month; however, we highly encourage dispensers to submit data on a nightly basis when possible.

In the meantime please refer to <http://pmp.relayhealth.com/AK> as an introductory information source. There you'll find an FAQ, dispenser guides, and other resources to aid in your compliance.

We will be requiring dispensing practitioners to submit a waiver request to the Board if they are not dispensing controlled substances. Additionally, we will require out of state pharmacies to report all controlled substance sales dispensed in Alaska. Finally, if a dispenser has not dispensed any controlled substances for the required time period, the dispenser will be required to submit a zero reporting transmission to RelayHealth.

Any significant announcements or changes about the PDMP will be posted on the Board of Pharmacy's home page - [www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/ppha.htm](http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/ppha.htm).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and professionalism as we begin this important transition.

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In behalf of the Board of Pharmacy