

May 13, 2019

Dear Practitioner,

On April 11, 2019, DC Act 22-616 went into effect, mandating all practitioners who are registered to prescribe and/or dispense controlled substances or other covered substances in the District of Columbia¹ to register with the District of Columbia Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (DC PDMP). Specifically, DC Act 22-616 states:

Any prescriber who is currently licensed, or becomes licensed before March 31, 2019, in the District to prescribe a controlled substance or other covered substance in the course of his or her professional practice, and any dispenser who is currently licensed, or becomes licensed before March 31, 2019, in the District to dispense a controlled substance or other covered substance to an ultimate user or his or her agent shall register with the Program by March 31, 2019.²

If you are already registered with the DC PDMP, **no further action is required**. For those not registered with the PDMP, **the deadline to register is July 31, 2019**. Failure to register with the DC PDMP by July 31, 2019 may impact the status of your professional license and controlled substance registration.

To register for the DC PDMP, please visit our website at <https://districtofcolumbia.pmpaware.net/login>. Once there, click the “Create an Account” button to begin the registration process. Depending on the type of license you hold, the registration process will be as follows:

Medical Residents or Prescribers without a DEA Number

You will need to register a “Prescriber without DEA”.

Pharmacists without an Employer DEA or NPI Number

You will need to register as a “Non Dispensing Pharmacist”.

Veterinarians

You should enter a string of seven (7) zeros (0000000) in place of an NPI number.

¹ This would include licensed healthcare practitioners who possess a current and valid Controlled Substance Registration, or who issue prescriptions for a covered substance such as cyclobenzaprine and butalbital.

² All prescription monitoring data collected, maintained, or submitted pursuant to this Program is confidential, privileged, not subject to discovery, subpoena, or other means of legal compulsion in civil litigation, and is not a public record.

All other users who do not fall into any of the above categories will need the following information to complete the registration process:

1. DC Health Professional License Number;
2. DC Controlled Substance Registration Number; and
3. Federal DEA Number.

For more information on how to register, refer to the [User Support Manual](#) available on the [DC PDMP website](#). If you have any questions or concerns about navigating the system, please contact Appriss technical support directly at (855) 932-4767. Technical assistance is available 24-7.

For further information on DC PDMP laws and regulations, user guides and frequently asked questions (FAQs), please visit the DC PDMP website at <https://dchealth.dc.gov/pdmp>.

Please submit any program questions by email to doh.pdmp@dc.gov.

Best Regards,

DC PDMP Administrator