VIRGINIA’S PMP NOW INTEROPERABLE WITH OTHER STATES
As a member of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Prescription Monitoring Program InterConnect (PMPi) since 2011, Virginia’s PMP has worked in partnership with several states nationwide. Together they use technology to share prescription information across state lines to aid in the fight against prescription drug abuse, insurance fraud and the rising cost of healthcare.

Other PMPi states as of July 2014 include:
- Arizona
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Michigan
- New Mexico
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- West Virginia

Did You Know:
According to the 2009 report of the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud (CAIF), fraud by illegitimate patients costs the nation an estimated $72.5 billion annually.
At a time when drug deaths outnumber motor vehicle fatalities, Virginia's online Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) enters its second decade of promoting the appropriate use of controlled substances for legitimate medical purposes by providing information to prescribers and pharmacists. PMP is a secure online system that provides licensed healthcare practitioners with 24/7 access to the Schedule II through IV prescription history of patients receiving controlled substances.

PMP is recognized as the electronic risk management tool of choice among doctors of medicine, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, emergency room physicians and other licensed practitioners. It is used to determine a patient's treatment history, minimize the risk of duplicating prescriptions and eliminate potential illegal activity. Virginia's PMP is already meeting the information needs of many prescribers and pharmacists on behalf of patients statewide.

"The PMP is the single most effective tool I use in my practice to ensure the medications I prescribe are used to relieve human suffering – and not diverted for monetary or recreational purposes. I use it often in my practice." - A Virginia Practitioner

WHAT IS PMP?

Virginia's PMP was selected to be part of a 2013 National Governor's Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices initiative to fight prescription drug abuse as part of efforts to better leverage existing governmental and community-based drug abuse programs.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

The application process for prescribers and pharmacists to obtain information from Virginia's PMP is made easy through the completion of an online registration form which the applicant prints, signs, and faxes to 804/527-4470 for approval. Virginia's PMP welcomes users to register online at http://www.pmp.dhp.virginia.gov/pmpwebcenter. Click on "Access to PMP Data Center."

If you are a qualified prescriber or dispenser, fill out the form and become a registered user. For additional information, the PMP Administrator can be reached online at pmp@dhp.virginia.gov, by phone at 804/367-4566 or fax at 804/527-4470.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN APPROVED?

Once your registration request is verified and approved, you will receive information about how to use the program through establishment of a user name and password.

WHAT CAN A REGISTERED USER DO WITH THE REPORT?

In accordance with the law, the contents of this report can be discussed with the patient, another health care provider treating the patient or a dispenser who has dispensed or will dispense medications to the patient.

A prescriber may make a note in the medical chart or a pharmacist may comment in the prescription record to document the use of the program in the treatment/dispensing decision process.

A patient over the age of eighteen may request their own report.

Did You Know:

Data from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) reported that across the Commonwealth, young adults aged 18-25 ranked in the second tier nationwide for nonmedical use of pain relievers for 2010 and 2011.

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"Today prescription drug abuse impacts every citizen in the Commonwealth."
- 2012 Annual Report of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

Did You Know:

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AS A REGISTERED “PMP USER” HOW DO I REQUEST INFORMATION?

Registered users of PMP can enter a request online. An electronic report containing the patient's prescription history of controlled substances is then made available. For patients without any prescriptions records, a "no data was found" statement is sent to the requester.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL REGISTER USERS OF VIRGINIA'S PMP RECEIVE?

Registered users of Virginia's PMP users receive their patient's PMP report that contains:

- Schedule II – IV patient specific prescriptions
- Prescriptions other providers have written for a patient
- Name of the dispenser who dispensed the medication(s)

Registered prescribers can now request their prescribing history for the last 90 days. This feature allows registered users to monitor possible misuse of their DEA registration by others.

ARE THERE PMP REPORTING REQUIREMENTS?

Under Virginia law, dispensers are required to report prescriptions for Schedule II through IV controlled substances within seven days of dispensing.

WHAT IF A PMP REGISTERED USER SUSPECTS DRUG DIVERSION?

Should drug diversion or criminal behavior be suspected as the result of information provided by PMP, a prescriber or pharmacist may contact law enforcement.

"The issues surrounding chronic pain management are quite complex and often involve the collaborative efforts of numerous health professionals. This program is an excellent resource that will hopefully encourage appropriate therapy and discourage abusive practices."
- A Virginia Pharmacist

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