



# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

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Dear Prescribers of Controlled Substances in Maryland:

The Office of Provider Engagement and Regulation (OPER) is happy to announce two new clinical tools, **Prescriber Insights Report**, which allows prescribers to see trends in their prescribing history and compare their prescribing history with that of their peers, and the **Buprenorphine Comparison Report** which lists of number of patients receiving buprenorphine for substance use disorder treatment formulas with a comparison to peers. These reports are educational reports that are intended to support prescribers in better understanding their prescribing habits. We are working on updates to these tools to allow prescribers to see which patients have contributed to which metrics.

These tools, along with the Personal Controlled Substance (CS) Prescribing History and Unsolicited Reports are available to PDMP-registered prescribers with individual DEAs through the CRISP Portal. The data in these reports is based on all of the controlled substance prescriptions that a prescriber has written that have been dispensed in or into Maryland. We make every effort to ensure that these summaries are accurate to the best of our ability. There may be small variations in the summary data when compared to the prescription level data. The Office of the PDMP does not make any changes to the prescription data. The PDMP database is dependent upon accurate reporting by dispensers. Any concerns with the accuracy of prescription data should be brought to the attention of the dispenser of that prescription.

If you have not prescribed controlled substances (CS) during the given time frame, no data will be visible.

This tool is only shared by CRISP with individual prescribers, it is accessible through the below “Prescriber Reports” card in the CRISP Portal:



The following resources have been developed to help you navigate the tools available in CRISP:

- [Prescriber Insights Report Booklet](#)
- [Buprenorphine Comparison Tool Quick Guide](#)
- [Clinical Tools Quick Guide](#)
  - Provides an overview of the clinical tools available in the CRISP Portal. Including the following existing tools:

- The **Personal CS Prescribing History** tool allows a prescriber to view all CS prescriptions that the prescriber wrote which were dispensed in Maryland in a designated range of time. This tool could be helpful in analyzing prescribing behaviors and/or checking to see if a prescriber's credentials have been compromised.
- **Unsolicited Reports** are proactive educational notifications to prescribers when outlying patient or prescriber behavior is identified. Unsolicited Reporting is the activity of analyzing PDMP data for an indicator of concern and then proactively reporting PDMP data to a prescriber. These notifications can be mailed or emailed to a prescriber. When an email is sent to a prescriber, they can retrieve the notification in the CRISP Portal. For additional information regarding Unsolicited Reports see: [Educational Notifications](#)

If you have any questions or concerns please contact [mdh.pdmp@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.pdmp@maryland.gov) or 410-402-8686. **To send us feedback click [here](#)**

Sincerely,

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