



## Integrated, One-Click Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) access now available in Oregon

*Oregon's PDMP Integration initiative is sponsored by the HIT Commons and made possible through Appriss Health's PMP Gateway Solution. This initiative will allow instant access to PDMP data directly in electronic workflow for all authorized prescribers and pharmacists in Oregon.*

**Portland, OR - September 24, 2018** – The statewide Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Integration initiative was recently launched by the Oregon Health Leadership Council (OHLC), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and other stakeholders under a public/private partnership called the HIT Commons. For the first time, authorized Oregon prescribers and pharmacists can have one-click access to PDMP data within their own electronic workflow. This initiative aligns with broader state and federal efforts to increase the use of PDMPs to reduce inappropriate prescriptions, improve patient outcomes, and promote more informed prescribing practices.

Currently, Oregon prescribers and pharmacists must log in to separate systems to query patient PDMP information, which takes important time away from patient care. Integration simplifies the patient query process by making PDMP data directly available to prescribers and pharmacists in their daily workflow. This point-of-care integration increases the ease of access to and use of PDMP information for making critical clinical decisions, including the prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances, as well as patient care and safety.

“For providers, PDMP data is best leveraged by integrating into the existing Electronic Health Record. Logging into one system allows for seamless access to the right information at the right time—thus ensuring an appropriate amount of opioid prescriptions make it into circulation and greater coordination among healthcare providers. If necessary, this single system will also help providers treat potential opioid addiction with more effective solutions.”

Lee David Milligan, MD  
Vice-President/Chief Medical Information Officer, Asante  
Member, OHA's Oregon Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Task Force

Oregon emergency departments have already seen the benefits of PDMP Integration. Earlier this year, the PDMP Integration initiative targeted the Emergency Department Information Exchange (EDIE)/PDMP integration as the first priority. Today **25** Oregon hospital Emergency Departments (**more than 600** ED prescribers), across Oregon, are live and receiving PDMP data via EDIE.

The PDMP Integration initiative is financially sponsored by [HIT Commons](#), which leverages a joint funding model and aims to bring PDMP Integration to all authorized prescribers and pharmacies across Oregon. HIT Commons works in partnership with [Appriss Health](#), whose PMP Gateway solution is already live in 35 states with more than 90 EHR and pharmacy management systems vendors, many of which have a large footprint in Oregon. [Oregon's Public Health PDMP team](#) is also on board – authorizing new users and working diligently to connect Oregon's PDMP to other state PDMPs – all of which will be available through the PDMP Integration.

"In a complex information system where providers are seemingly endless clicks away from critical information, integration of the PDMP data not only improves patient care, but also helps tackle provider "click fatigue." When the relevant information you need is all in one place and easily accessible, it translates into improved and efficient care. The goal is to streamline the process, so everyone benefits."

Saleen Manternach, MD, FACEP  
Emergency Medicine, Oregon Health & Science University

"Integrating PDMP information into provider workflow is a critical component to expanding the use and usefulness of the PDMP, and it will make an impact on the health and well-being of millions of patients and their families across Oregon going forward," said Rob Cohen, president of Appriss Health. "We sincerely hope that every prescriber and pharmacist in Oregon will benefit from this Integration initiative. We are very proud to partner with Oregon as they enable this 'technology for good' today to solve real-world problems in the fight against the opioid epidemic."

For more information and/or for healthcare entities to request an integration in Oregon, please visit <http://www.orhealthleadershipcouncil.org/pdmp-integration/>

**HIT Commons** is a public/private partnership designed to accelerate and advance health information technology adoption and use across the state. It is co-sponsored by Oregon Health Leadership Council and Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and is jointly funded by OHA, hospitals, and health plans. The HIT Commons supports two major initiatives: EDIE/PreManage and Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Integration. The Commons convenes the Oregon PDMP Integration Steering Council to guide the successful implementation and adoption of this initiative. For more information, visit <http://www.orhealthleadershipcouncil.org/hit-commons/>.

### **About Oregon's PDMP**

Oregon has consistently supported electronic access to PDMP data including sharing data with other state PDMPs. All prescribers in Oregon are mandated to enroll in the PDMP and become authorized users. OHA's Public Health PDMP staff authorize users, manage the PDMP registry, and work to connect to other states' PDMPs. To date, Oregon's PDMP team has connected to five other state PDMPs, with three more in process. For more information, visit [www.orpdmp.com](http://www.orpdmp.com). To learn more about the PDMP tool, please visit <http://www.orpdmp.com/healthcare-provider-faq.html>.

### **About Appriss Health**

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