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Mandate to Use the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) effective October 16, 2017

The PMP, also referred to as the Controlled Substance Prescription Monitoring Program (CSPMP) allows providers to view controlled substances that have been dispensed to patients. This Patient Utilization Report lists the drug, quantity, days supplied, prescriber, pharmacy, and payment method. The default look-back period is 12 months but can be modified. The database can also pull in data from other states.

Effective October 2017, Arizona law mandates before prescribing an opioid analgesic or benzodiazepine controlled substance listed in schedule II, III, or IV for a patient, shall obtain a Patient Utilization Report. At the beginning of each new course of treatment, a report for the preceding twelve months from the CSPMP database must be obtained. This Patient Utilization Report must also be queried at least quarterly while that prescription remains a part of the treatment plan.

There are a number of situations where obtaining the Patient Utilization Report is not required such as; patient is receiving hospice care or palliative care for a serious or chronic illness. Please see the CSPMP website to see the complete list: <https://pharmacypmp.azgov>

Evidence of Patient Utilization Reports will be expected to be found for those patients that have been prescribed an opioid analgesic or benzodiazepine controlled substance during any medical record review that may be completed for your practice.