

State of Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Zero Reporting Policy

Policy: State of Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Zero Reporting Policy		Accountability: CyncHealth Staff / Nebraska DHHS/Vendors:	
Effective Date: 03/01/2023	Review Date: 9/19/2024	Referenced Procedures:	
Intended Audience: All Dispensers and pharmacies required to report to the PDMP.			
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Title: Health Information Technology Board			

STATEMENT

In accordance with the standards set forth under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (“HIPAA”), statutes relating to the Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) found in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§71-2454-2456, as well as federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements (hereafter referred to as “Regulatory Requirements”), CyncHealth is committed to ensuring the compliance of pharmacies to report complete and accurate dispensed prescription information in a timely manner.

- **Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI):** Information that is “individually identifiable health information” and is created, received, maintained, or transmitted in any electronic form or medium.
- **Health Information Technology Board (HIT Board):** A seventeen-member board of healthcare professionals appointed by the Governor of Nebraska to oversee the State of Nebraska Health Information Exchange and the State of Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP):** The system in Nebraska established as a standalone medication query platform that collects all prescriptions dispensed from pharmacies and other dispensers, established through Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-2454.
- **Protected Health Information (PHI):** Information that is “individually identifiable health information” and is created, received, maintained, or transmitted in any form or medium.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to document a change to Nebraska's PDMP reporting conditions to require dispensers and pharmacies to submit a properly formatted "zero report" on any day if the pharmacy did not dispense any prescriptions for that day to ensure pharmacies are in compliance with Nebraska statutes and to improve data integrity provided by pharmacies.

SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

This policy covers pharmacy data reported to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program that are overseen by the State of Nebraska HIT Board.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The State of Nebraska HIT Board duties, as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-6,128 includes establishing criteria for data collection and disbursement by the statewide health information exchange described in section [71-2455](#) and the prescription drug monitoring program created under section [71-2454](#) to improve the quality of information provided to clinicians. The CyncHealth Vice President of PDMP & Pharmacy Programs and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for the enforcement, interpretation, management, review, and education of this policy. CyncHealth staff will monitor that all pharmacies are reporting as required and ensure facilities which are not reporting are brought into compliance. CyncHealth staff will be responsible for acknowledgement and adherence to this policy.

POLICY

PDMP Zero Report Reporting

Beginning March 1, 2023, all pharmacies and dispensers required to report to the Nebraska PDMP shall submit a report to the PDMP in the proper format at least daily. Dispensers or pharmacies which did not dispense any prescriptions for the day shall submit a "Zero Report" on that day in the proper specifications as described in the current version of the Nebraska PDMP Submitter User Guide in Appendix C: Zero-Report Specifications. Dispensers or pharmacies which are exempt from reporting as described in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-2454 (14)(d) and veterinarians will not be required to submit a zero report.

COMPLIANCE

CyncHealth staff will work with all eligible dispensers and pharmacies and with Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to ensure PDMP submitters comply with this policy. CyncHealth staff who fail to abide by the requirements outlined in the State of Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Zero Reporting Policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment or contract.

ANNUAL REVIEW

Date:	Reviewed By:	Comments/Updates:
9/19/2024	HIT Board	No updates