

Maine's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

Name of Program: Maine's Prescription Monitoring Program

Overseeing Agency: Office of Substance Abuse, Department of Health & Human Services

Year Original Program Established: 2004

Schedules Monitored: Schedules II, III, and IV

Number of Prescriptions Collected Annually: 1.8 million

Number of Controlled Substances Dispensers: 380

Data Collection: Twice per month

Requests for reports: 1100 per month

Who Requests Reports: 83% Physicians
17% Pharmacies

Operating Costs: \$300,000

Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Grants Awarded:

(Administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice)

Fiscal Years 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006

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Website: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bds/osa/data/pmp/>

Statute & Regulation Citation:

ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 22, §§ 7245 to -52 (West 2005)

CODE ME. R. 14-118 ch. 11 §§ 1 to 9 (2005)

The start-up costs for Maine's program were \$190,000 for the data contractor. Currently, expenses are funded through grants. The Maine Office of Substance Abuse works with an advisory committee to review program objectives and special cases. Members represent the medical community, pharmacies, attorney general's office, department of licensure and regulation, and other key stakeholders. The office has also established a medical advisory group that offers recommendations on how the database can be useful to them.

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In Spring 2006, the Maine program implemented a web portal to allow for quicker turn around time for those who access reports. Pharmacies also use a secure web portal to submit dispensing data. In January 2006, the Muskie School, University of Southern Maine, published a process evaluation of the implementation of Maine's prescription monitoring program. Results of this interview and survey based evaluation show that stakeholders say the program had been successfully implemented and was working well. Maine is also in the process of conducting an Outcome Evaluation which should be available in December 2006. The implementation evaluation and several other resources are available on the Maine prescription monitoring program website.

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