

Massachusetts' Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

Name of Program: Massachusetts Prescription Monitoring Program

Overseeing Agency: Department of Public Health

Year Original Program Established: 1992

Schedules Monitored: Schedule II

Average Number of Prescriptions Collected Annually: 2.6 million

Number of Controlled Substances Dispensers: 1,120

Data Collection: Once per month

Requests for reports: 10 per month

Who Requests Reports: 61% Law Enforcement
30% Licensing Boards
9% Other

Operating Costs: Operating costs for the MA PDMP are part of a retained revenue account for the Massachusetts Registration and Prescription Monitoring Program and not calculated independently.

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 2002, 2004, and 2005

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MASS. GEN. LAWS. ANN. ch. 94C, §§ 1 to - 48 (West 2005)

MASS. REGS. CODE tit. 105, § 700.006 (2005)

MASS. REGS. CODE tit. 247, § 5.04 (2005)

Currently, expenses are funded through a retained revenue account and using a portion of licensing fees. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health established a Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Board. The advisory Board assists the program by reviewing project accomplishments and providing input on proposed technical and program enhancements.

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The program's most recent enhancement grant from the federal government will support program officials to address technical enhancements, interoperability with other state prescription monitoring programs and epidemiology research. Officials are analyzing data from the program to look at drug prescribing patterns throughout the state. Department staff will be reviewing a toolkit for prescribers and pharmacists who may interact with individuals who are abusing or misusing prescription drug products.

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