

Upcoming/Recent Changes in the Controlled Substance Monitoring Data Base

Healthcare Provider,

Please read about these upcoming or recent changes in the CSMD.

“My Account” Update

Pursuant to Public Chapter 898, which becomes effective January 1, 2015, supervisory relationships contained in the CSMD will be used to populate a page associated with the provider profiles of supervisors and those under their supervision. Existing law obligates APNs, PAs and physicians to notify the Department of Health of updates to their profiles within 30 days of the date on which a change occurs. For APNs and PAs, this notification requirement includes changes to their supervisory relationships.

APN and PA users must identify all supervisors by entering the supervisors’ driver license numbers. When entered, the name of the physician associated with the driver license will appear in a pop-up box with his or her practice location(s). The APN or PA must choose the appropriate practice location(s). This initial acknowledgement of a supervisory relationship will prompt the CSMD to alert the physician of his or her designation as a supervising physician, and allow him or her to accept or decline the supervisory role. Thereafter, all changes to the supervisory relationship must be reported to the CSMD within 30 calendar days of any such change.

Interstate Data Sharing

In August, the CSMD allowed you to view data from Kentucky and in October, you began to view data from Mississippi and Arkansas if you selected them when making a patient request. In the coming months, the goal is to add additional states, so stay tuned for additional opportunities to view data on your patients. Each state is unique in what users may view its data. If you as a user are unable to view data for a particular state, that state may not allow you to access its data. As an example, not all states allow for unlicensed Health Care Extenders. If your extender is running your reports and is unable to access a particular state, that state may not allow your extender to run a report on your behalf. If you feel you need to see data from that state, then you as the physician will need to login to the CSMD to run a report.

Hydrocodone Schedule Changes

All products containing hydrocodone became schedule II as of October 6, 2014. For more information, please visit the DEA’s website at: <http://www.justice.gov/dea/divisions/hq/2014/hq082114.shtml>.

The Tennessee Department of Health and the CSMD Committee would like to thank you for your continued care for patients and careful attention to prescription safety in Tennessee. Together we are beginning to make a measurable difference in addressing the nationwide epidemic of prescription substance abuse, with the total amount of morphine milligram equivalents in Tennessee decreasing by

3.3 percent in 2014 year-to-date through September 30, as compared with the same period in 2013. This is the first year in the last decade where a decrease has been recorded.