

FY2019

# Fourth Quarter Report

## April – June 2019

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING  
PROGRAM



## New User Accounts

By the end of June 2019, the Arkansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) had over 21,500 active user accounts. During the fourth quarter of FY2019, the highest increase in user accounts was for the Prescriber Delegate – Licensed and Prescriber Delegate – Unlicensed, with 175 and 160 new user accounts, respectively.

**Table 1: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program New User Accounts by Role Types, Arkansas, April – June 2019**

	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
Physician (MD, DO)	63	24	35	122
Prescriber Delegate - Licensed	63	50	62	175
Nurse Practitioner / Clinical Nurse Specialist	26	35	16	77
Prescriber Delegate - Unlicensed	38	47	75	160
Dentist	5	6	12	23
Physician Assistant	6	5	5	16
Medical Resident	5	2	5	12
Optometrist	11	9	0	20
Veterinarian	0	0	0	0
Podiatrist (DPM)	0	0	0	0
Pharmacist	13	12	20	45
Pharmacist's Delegate - Licensed	4	2	4	10
Pharmacist's Delegate - Unlicensed	0	0	0	0
Delegate CLEPDDI <sup>1</sup>	0	1	3	4
Local	3	0	0	3
Master CLEPDDI	0	0	1	1
State Medicaid Program	0	0	0	0
Board of Medicine Investigator	0	0	0	0
Board of Nursing Investigator	0	0	0	0
Board of Pharmacy Investigator	0	0	0	0
Board of Dentistry Investigator	0	0	0	0
Admin	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> CLEPDDI - Certified Law Enforcement Prescription Drug Diversion Investigator

## PDMP Use

The use of the PDMP system has evolved to include in-state patient searches in the AR PDMP database, out-of-state patient searches of the AR PDMP, and patient searches initiated through integrated systems that combine the AR PDMP into electronic health records (EHR) and pharmacy dispensing software (PDS). Each method of query (in-state PDMP database, out-of-state, integration) will be calculated and reported separately. This will more accurately portray the continued evolution of the use of the AR PDMP.

During the fourth quarter of FY2019, the number of out-of-state queries performed by pharmacists increased from 3,310 queries to 5,168 queries – a 56% increase from April to June (Table 2).

**Table 2: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Pharmacist Query Totals by Method, Arkansas, April – June 2019**

Month	AR PDMP	Out-of-state	Integration	Total
Apr	81,465	3,310	2,239,781	2,324,556
May	83,919	4,546	2,453,300	2,541,765
Jun	78,062	5,168	2,247,367	2,330,597

From April to June, the overall query counts for prescribers declined in all methods of query (Table 3). The AR PDMP queries decreased by 9%, the out-of-state queries by 9.7% and the integration queries by 7.2%. Overall, the prescriber queries declined by 7.3%.

**Table 3: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Prescriber Query Totals by Method, Arkansas, April – June 2019**

Month	AR PDMP	Out-of-state	Integration	Total
Apr	284,202	34,544	5,792,112	6,110,858
May	277,549	34,145	5,724,157	6,035,851
Jun	258,677	31,191	5,375,059	5,664,927

The number of queries performed by law enforcement and professional boards was the highest in the month of April, with 193 queries by law enforcement and 56 queries by professional boards (Table 4).

**Table 4: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Law Enforcement and Professional Boards Query Totals, Arkansas, April – June 2019**

Month	Law Enforcement	Professional Boards
Apr	193	56
May	190	32
Jun	105	10

### Interstate Data Sharing

The PDMP system is capable of sharing data with other state and federal PDMPs. Arkansas’s PDMP currently shares data with 36 other states, Puerto Rico and the Military Health Systems (MHS) PDMPs (Figure 1). The MHS PDMP shows the controlled prescriptions filled on military bases both in the United States and bases located abroad.

**Figure 1: US Map of the States that Share Prescription Data with Arkansas, 2019**

