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Reporting Animal Prescriptions (for Pharmacists)

A Brief Review of Reporting:

In Arkansas, controlled substance dispensations by retail pharmacies must be reported no later than **next business day**. All dispensations submitted must pass through the PMP Clearinghouse before being uploaded to the Arkansas PDMP. Dispensations can be reported via several routes: via Secure File Transfer Protocol (often used by pharmacies), via a Universal Claim Form (UCF) (often used by veterinarians), or via a Web Portal Upload. Regardless of the method/route of reporting dispensations, the information will be routed to its assigned field on the Arkansas PDMP.

If a pharmacy does not dispense controlled substances, zero reports are required or the pharmacy may apply for an exemption waiver.

Per the Rules Pertaining to the Arkansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program:

“If the prescription dispensed is for an animal patient, the prescription shall be reported as follows:

- (1) The prescription shall be identified as an animal/veterinary patient;
- (2) The owner of the animal/veterinary patient shall be reported to the department by first name, last name, and date of birth
- (3) The animal/veterinary patient name shall be reported.”

Implementing This Rule at the Retail Pharmacy – a Scenario:

A prescription comes to the pharmacy for an animal patient named Bear. The owner’s name is Jane Doe and the owner’s date of birth is 6/7/1980.

1. Identify the prescription as an animal/veterinary patient. The process by which a prescription is identified as for an animal patient, will be different depending on the pharmacy vendor. See Vendor Instructions for ASAP format.
2. Report the owner’s last name: “Doe.”
3. Report the owner’s first name: “Jane.”
4. Report the owner’s date of birth: “6/7/1980”
5. And finally, report the name of the animal: “Bear.”

Running a Patient Query:

When the pharmacist runs a patient query for an animal patient, they’ll search by the following parameters: owner’s first name, owner’s last name, and owner’s date of birth.

For a pharmacist, a history of dispensations for scheduled substances II-V will appear for both Jane and Bear (and any other pet that Jane is owner of): **BOTH owner and animal** dispensations will appear.

For any pharmacy vendor related questions concerning required reporting to the AR PDMP, contact the pharmacy vendor directly.

For more questions, please call the Arkansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program at 501-683-3960.