What is the Nebraska PDMP?
The Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) is a tool that collects dispensed prescription information. The PDMP is housed with NeHII and managed in collaboration with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as established in 2011 (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-2454, 71-2455, 71-2456). The PDMP is available on the HIE 2.0 platform and is a standalone medication query functionality. It is available to all prescribers and dispensers in Nebraska at no cost and is intended to prevent the misuse of controlled substances that are prescribed, allow prescribers and dispensers to monitor the care and treatment of patients and enhance patient safety by prevention of adverse drug events (ADEs) through unintended medication discrepancies. All controlled substances, Schedule II to V, that have been dispensed by healthcare professionals licensed in the state of Nebraska or prescriptions delivered to a Nebraska address will be reported to the PDMP system. LB 471 prevents consumers from opting out of the PDMP. PDMP data is available through the NeHII HIE 2.0 dashboard on a separate tile, Nebraska PDMP.

LB471 (2016) and LB223 (2017) allow prescribers and dispensers and their designees to query the hosted information from the PDMP for display by using the DrFirst Medication History service. LB223 was approved on May 9, 2017, and requires all new users to undergo training prior to accessing the PDMP. The medication history service connects to the hosting service to deliver queried medication history to the requestor. As part of the medication history hosting service, DrFirst will provide appropriate infrastructure to accept data supplied by pharmacies as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-2454, 71-2455, 71-2456. The PDMP medication history is also available to be queried within the Health Information Exchange (HIE) to the HIE participants.

What are the requirements of the PDMP?
Per LB 471, effective 1/1/2017, all controlled substance prescriptions, Schedule II-V, dispensed within the state or to a Nebraska address must be reported daily by dispensers to the PDMP. The Nebraska PDMP Implementation Guide specifies the required record content, which incorporates the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy (ASAP) 4.2 standard format to meet reporting requirements of the Nebraska PDMP. Data is to be provided by the dispensers in the ASAP 4.2 delimited format (SFTP) or XML (Web Service). In the event the records provided by a dispenser contain missing or invalid data or are not in the correct format, unreadable, or damaged, DrFirst shall not load the record and shall report the error to the applicable dispenser for remedy. Beginning 1/1/2018 per LB 471, all prescriptions are required to be reported to the system. Please contact NeHII at the contact information listed below for the detailed Nebraska PDMP Implementation Guide.

What is the cost for users to access the PDMP?
The law states that the PDMP is accessible for all prescribers and dispensers at no charge. Currently, the PDMP is funded by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Justice grants awarded to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. There may be additional charges incurred from the pharmacy’s electronic information system vendor to provide the required information to the PDMP system.

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