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2018 Legislative Updates

Legislative Updates

Overview of Legislation and Proposed Regulations

- 33 federal bills introduced
 - 4 enacted
 - 1 pending (HR 6 presented to President on 10/16)
- 224 state bills introduced
 - 78 enacted
- 110 state regulations introduced
 - 62 adopted

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Highlights of Enacted Federal Legislation

- HR 5515—John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act
 - Creates the Military Health System PDMP
 - Emphasis on drugs provided through facilities of the uniformed services
 - Shall be comparable to state PDMPs and applicable to designated controlled substance prescriptions under the pharmacy benefits program
 - Requires the Secretary of Defense to establish appropriate procedures for the bidirectional sharing of information between the Military Health System PDMP and state PDMPs

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Highlights of Enacted Federal Legislation

- SB 2372—Department of Veterans Affairs Participation in PDMPS
 - Any health-care provider employed by the department who is licensed, certified, or registered within any state to fill or prescribe medications within the scope of his/her practice as a department employee, or that employee's delegate, shall be considered an authorized recipient or user for the purpose of querying and receiving data from the national network of state-based PDMPs
 - Notwithstanding any state provision of law or rule, no state may restrict licensed health-care providers or their delegates from accessing the state's PDMP
 - "National network of state-based PDMPs" means an interconnected nationwide system that facilitates the transfer of state PDMP data across state lines

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Highlights of Enacted Federal Legislation

- SB 3479—Department of Veterans Affairs Participation in PDMPS
 - Amends the language of SB 2372
 - Includes individual state or regional PDMPs as programs that health-care providers and their delegates may access

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Highlights of Pending Federal Legislation

- HR 6—SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act
 - The state agency administering the state Medicaid plan shall have reasonable access, as determined by the state, to the state PDMP
 - Beginning October 1, 2021, states shall require Medicaid providers to query the PDMP before prescribing a controlled substance to a covered patient

Highlights of Pending Federal Legislation

- HR 5812—Creating opportunities that necessitate new and enhanced connections that improve Opioid Navigation Strategies Act
 - CDC may provide training and technical assistance and award grants to states, localities, and Indian tribes for the purpose of carrying out evidence-based prevention activities
 - Improving the efficiency and use of the state PDMP
 - Collecting prescription dispensing data in as close to real time as possible
 - Automatic flags for potential misuse or abuse
 - Enhancing interoperability between the PDMP and EHR systems
 - Facilitating interstate data sharing

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Highlights of Pending Federal Legislation

- HR 5865—Related to obligations of grant recipients
 - Require practitioners to query the PDMP prior to writing a prescription for any controlled substance
 - Require dispensing data be reported within 24 hours
 - Allow the use of delegates
 - Provide information regarding patient referrals to treatment
 - Establish formal data sharing agreements for interstate sharing
 - Authorize direct access for law enforcement, licensing boards
 - Not less than four times per year, provide informational reports on aggregate trends and individual outliers to state entities, the Medicaid agency, and the department of health of the state

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Highlights of Pending Federal Legislation

- HR 6688—ALERT Act of 2018
 - Creates the Prescription Safety Alert System
 - Collect and maintain prescription dispensing information
 - Deliver information about a patient's prescription and dispensing history to dispensers in summary form
 - Provide information in real time
 - Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment, the Secretary shall require that covered drug products be dispensed using the Prescription Safety Alert System

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Highlights of Enacted State Legislation

- Interstate Data Sharing
 - California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky (amended to allow sharing with any jurisdiction, county, or political subdivision)
- Data Reporting Interval
 - Montana (daily)
- Mandatory Registration
 - Arizona (pharmacists); Oregon (practitioners)

Highlights of Enacted State Legislation

- Other Reporting to PDMP
 - Delaware (promulgation of rules to combine nonfatal overdose data with PDMP data)
 - Idaho and Iowa (opioid antagonists)
 - Illinois (medical cannabis)
 - Rhode Island (voluntary nonopioid directive form)
 - Utah (cannabidiol/cannabinoid product)
 - Virginia (naloxone, cannabidiol oil, THC-A oil)

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Highlights of Enacted State Legislation

- Mandatory Queries
 - Arizona (dispensers and pharmacists at a remote dispensing site before dispensing a Schedule II substance)
 - Colorado (podiatrists, dentists, physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice nurses, optometrists, veterinarians before prescribing a second fill of an opioid prescription)
 - Florida (prescribers and dispensers before prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance to a patient aged 16 years or older)
 - Hawaii (practitioners before prescribing a Schedule II IV)
 - Illinois (prescribers before prescribing a Schedule II narcotic)
 - Indiana (prior to prescribing an opioid or benzodiazepine; staggered enactment dates)
 - lowa (practitioners before prescribing an opioid)
 - Maine (veterinarians before dispensing an opioid or benzodiazepine)



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Highlights of Enacted State Legislation

- Mandatory Queries, continued
 - Massachusetts (adds benzodiazepines to substances that trigger query requirement)
 - Tennessee (practitioners dispensing buprenorphine)
 - West Virginia (physicians prior to dispensing or prescribing any medication-assisted treatment medications)
- EHR Integration
 - Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, Washington

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Open Forum

- Integration queries
- Naloxone vs. overdose reporting
- Dispensing prescriber compliance
- Patient matching
- Data quality

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