



Missouri's Implementation of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program: Pitfalls and How to Improve

WHAT IS A PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM?

A prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) is an electronic database that tracks controlled substance prescriptions in a state. PDMPs can provide health authorities timely information about prescribing and patient behaviors that contribute to the opioid epidemic and promote the prevention of prescription drug misuse.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdmp>

MISSOURI'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PDMP:

While Missouri has made strides in implementing a PDMP, there are several pitfalls compared to other states:

- Delayed Implementation
- Limited Participation
- Lack of Interconnectivity

Missouri PDMP Pitfalls



DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION

Missouri was the last state to establish a PDMP. Although Missouri accepted implementation of the PDMP in 2017, the actual launch of the statewide program was scheduled to be in December of 2023.

Source: <https://pdmp.mo.gov/faq/>



LIMITED PARTICIPATION

In Missouri, participation by healthcare providers is voluntary, unlike in many other states where it's mandatory. This voluntary nature reduces the effectiveness of the program in identifying the potential misuse of prescription drugs.

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LACK OF INTERCONNECTIVITY

Missouri's PDMP is not fully integrated with neighboring states' systems, making it easier for individuals to cross state lines to obtain prescription drugs and more difficult for prescribers to utilize best prescribing practices.

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