

**Department of  
Veterans Affairs**

# Memorandum

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From: Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Operations (10N)

Subj: VA MISSION Act Sec 134 - State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMP) Information Technology (IT) Solution

To: Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) Directors (10N1-23)  
Medical Center Directors (00)

Thru: Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services (10NC)

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to advise Networks of a new functionality being developed that will streamline and simplify functions currently being performed by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) staff. Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS) will be releasing a functionality that allows providers and their allied health delegates to make real-time, automated queries to a National Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) clearinghouse.
2. The State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs solution in development will connect CPRS to an external PDMP clearinghouse. This real time connection will allow a single action from a VA provider or delegate to launch the PDMP check for all available states. All prescribers and delegates should register in the State PMDP site where they are licensed, in advance of the rollout of this new CPRS functionality.
3. Should you have any questions regarding this advance notification please contact Friedhelm Sandbrink, M.D., National Program Director, Pain Management, Specialty Care Services, at [Friedhelm.Sandbrink@va.gov](mailto:Friedhelm.Sandbrink@va.gov) or by phone at (202) 745-8145 or Scott Pawlikowski, M.D., Primary Care Lead Physician/Deputy Chief Medical Officer, VA Great Lakes Health Care System, Veterans Integrated Service Network 12 (VISN 12) at [Scott.Pawlikowski@va.gov](mailto:Scott.Pawlikowski@va.gov) or by phone at (708) 492-3926.



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