

Key Points for Veterinarians regarding the New Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Requirement:

1. Who Needs to Report:

- Starting **January 1, 2025**, **pharmacy outlets licensed by the Oregon Board of Pharmacy** (e.g., retail pharmacies such as CVS, Costco, etc.) **will be required to report** certain veterinarian-prescribed controlled substances, and gabapentin to the **Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)**.
- This includes prescriptions filled at **retail pharmacies** and **mail-order veterinary pharmacies** like Chewy.com or 1800PetMeds.com.

2. What is NOT Changing for Veterinarians:

- **Veterinary practices** that **dispense medications** directly to clients (e.g., through in-house pharmacy outlets) **are not required** to report prescriptions to the PDMP at this time.
- Veterinarians will **continue to follow their current data recording practices** set by the state and the **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)**.
- This means veterinarians who dispense controlled substances or gabapentin directly will maintain their current procedures for tracking, **without additional reporting requirements to the PDMP**.

3. Implications for Other Human Healthcare Practitioners:

- Starting in **January 2025**, **non-veterinarian healthcare practitioners** (e.g., physicians, pharmacists, etc.) will be able to see controlled substance prescriptions and gabapentin prescriptions filled by pharmacies for animals belonging to their human patients.
- These prescriptions will be clearly marked as "veterinarian prescriptions" in the human patient's prescription history report.

What This Means for Veterinarians:

- **Reporting from Pharmacies:** If your client fills a controlled substance prescription/gabapentin prescription for their animal at a retail pharmacy (like CVS or Costco) or a mail-order pharmacy (like Chewy or 1800PetMeds), that prescription will be reported to the Oregon PDMP. While veterinarians don't have to report these prescriptions themselves, they should be aware that these animal prescriptions will appear on prescription histories for the client whose name is on the prescription. This could be useful for other human healthcare providers involved in that individual's care.
- **Communication with Clients:** It's important for **veterinarians to inform clients that, starting in 2025, their controlled substance prescriptions/gabapentin prescriptions for animals will be visible to their other healthcare providers**, clearly marked as "veterinary prescriptions." This could lead to some questions or concerns from animal owners, so having clear communication about the purpose and scope of the new reporting requirements may help manage expectations.
- **Impact on Practice Operations:** For veterinary practices that dispense controlled substances/gabapentin directly to clients, there will be **no immediate change** in reporting obligations or dispensing practices. However, veterinarians should stay updated on any future regulatory changes regarding access to the PDMP or other requirements that might affect their practice.