

## Electronic Health Record Integration Now Available for PA Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) is pleased to announce that it is integrating the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) system into electronic health records and pharmacy systems across the commonwealth. The goal is to minimize any workflow disruption by providing near-instant and seamless access to critical prescription history information to both prescribers and pharmacists.

DOH has secured federal grants that cover the fees associated with the integration service\* for every health care entity in Pennsylvania that elects to connect its health IT system to the PDMP until August 2019.

All health care entities in Pennsylvania legally authorized to prescribe, administer or dispense controlled substances are eligible to apply for integration. This includes ambulatory care units, acute care facilities, emergency care units, physician practices, pharmacies, drug treatment facilities and others.

If your organization is interested in integrating your health IT system with the PDMP, we ask that you please fill out the <u>PDMP Integration Request Form</u> at

your earliest convenience. **Only authorized decision makers should fill out the form.** Health care entities will be prioritized based on date submitted, organizational size and readiness to integrate.

We look forward to working with you to improve provider access to critical prescription history information and to ultimately curb prescription drug abuse in Pennsylvania.

\* The integration service does not include end-user analytic tools that assist with interpreting and visualizing PDMP data, and DOH neither prohibits nor endorses the use of such tools.