



*The Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program (ILPMP) is an electronic database that collects dispensing information for Schedule II-V controlled substances and selected drugs of interest. This data is reported on a daily basis by retail pharmacies dispensing in Illinois and displayed for providers to assist with the clinical decision making process.*

The ILPMP looks forward to working with you in 2022. Each edition of this newsletter will contain important news, legislative and administrative changes, project updates, interesting statistics, training information, and education resources. We appreciate and encourage feedback, suggestions or questions.

## Attention Prescribers:

In an effort to make sure our records are updated, after February 1, you will be required to review and verify your profile information when you log in to [ILPMP.org](https://ilpmp.org). You will only need to verify your information bi-annually.

## SUCCESS STORY: HELPLINE INTEGRATION

The Helpline Integration project was initiated to address establishing linkages to care while adding the ability to view nearby treatment facilities, and create reservations through PMPnow.

The ILPMP worked with the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) and implemented a process for users to easily refer patients, with patient consent, to the [Illinois Helpline for Opioids and Other Substances](#).

If a patient would like to seek treatment for an opioid use disorder, the prescriber can click a link in the ILPMP patient profile and request that Helpline personnel reach out to that patient. The prescriber will list substances of concern, provide comments and can attest to an in-depth discussion with consent for the patient referral.

The Helpline referral option allows the prescriber to provide additional assistance to their patients outside of the office. Providing referrals to assistance programs from an in-person visit is a natural extension of patient care and will be beneficial in combating Opioid Use Disorder.



## STATISTICS



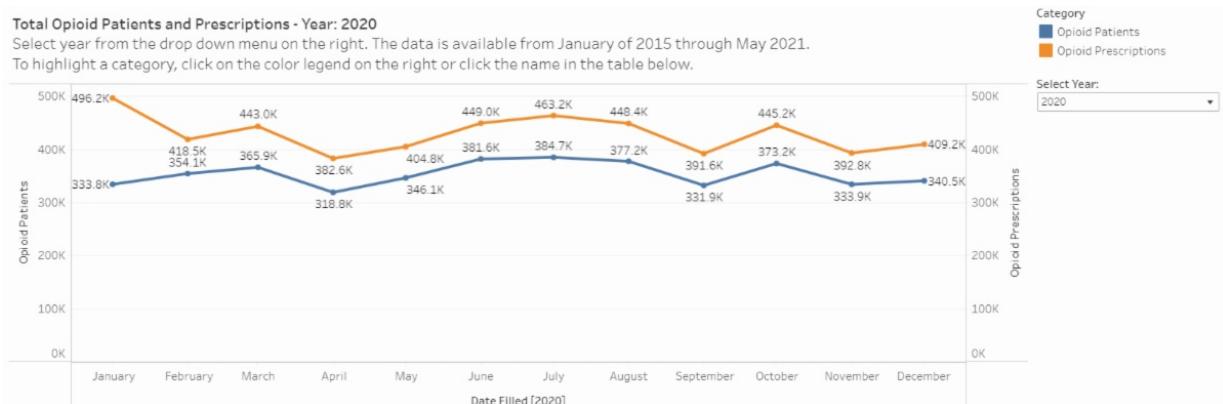
**ILPMP County and state level dashboards** provide current statistics at a glance. County level dashboards provide analysis per capita compared to state totals. State level dashboards provide analysis from 2010 for broader analysis.

### County Level Data Dashboards (June 2018 - Dec 2020)

- **Multiple Provider Episodes:** Patients who have received 5 or more prescriptions from 5 or more pharmacies in a 6 month period (per 100,000 population) .
- **Greater than 90 MME (Morphine Milligram Equivalent) on average per day:** Patients who have been prescribed greater than 90 MME on average per day (per 100,000 population).
- **Total buprenorphine prescriptions, patients and providers:** Total number of buprenorphine prescriptions, patients and providers per county.

### State Level Data Dashboards (2010 - 2021)

- **Total opioid patients and prescriptions:** Total number of opioid patients and prescriptions in Illinois.
- **Prescription stats by drug type:** Total number of prescriptions for Opioids, Benzodiazepines, Stimulants and other controlled substances throughout the State.
- **Statewide stats for CDC indicators:** Total number of patients throughout the State for CDC indicators including Greater than 90MME per day, Multiple Provider Episodes and Benzodiazepine and Opioid overlap.



## EDUCATION RESOURCES

Find education resources including studies, guidelines, trainings, webinars and more on [ILPMP.org](https://ilpmp.org), as well as answers to [frequently asked questions](#).

### Webinar: Continuing Medical Education

#### Interoperability for Combating the Opioid Epidemic



Webinar

- Recognize methods to optimize the end-user experience when implementing ILPMP interoperability
- List strategies to orient end-users to an integrated ILPMP interface and to overcome obstacles to meaningful use
- 1.0 contact hours CME

## EHR INTEGRATION WITH PMPNOW

PMPnow is the ILPMP's integration for a direct connection to a facility's Electronic Health Record System (EHR), Electronic Medical Record System (EMR), ONC Certified Health IT Module, or Pharmacy Management System.

The ILPMP is connected to fifty-one **EHR and Certified Health IT modules**, and is in the process of connecting with many more.

*The Illinois Controlled Substance Act required electronic health record vendors to be integrated with the ILPMP by January 1, 2021. Fines may be assessed beginning January 1, 2022.*



Email [dhs.pmp@illinois.gov](mailto:dhs.pmp@illinois.gov) to connect your facility or organization's EHR or Health IT module to ILPMP (PMPnow).

### Long-Term Care EHR Integration

The ILPMP contacted over 1,000 long-term care facilities in Illinois last fall to establish EHR connections and is working with the Illinois Health Care Association, Leading Age of Illinois and the Health Care Council of Illinois to communicate this requirement to their members.

### Webinar

#### PMPnow Connection for Long-term Care Facilities

- Overview of PMPnow, the integration



requirement, and information on how to connect.

Webinar

- ~ 45 minutes

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

### Administrative Rules

The ILPMP **Administrative Code** has been updated, in compliance with **PA 100-0564**, outlining Electronic Health Record (EHR) and Pharmacy Management Systems integration requirements. The amendments will allow prescribers and dispensers to have easy access to ILPMP data through the EHR or Pharmacy Management Systems.

### Public Act 102-0527

#### Same Day Reporting | 5-5-6 Reporting and Medication Shopping/Pharmacy Shopping | Opioid Treatment Programs

Effective August 20, 2021, **Public Act 102-0527** changes the timeframe for pharmacies to report dispensing to the ILPMP from end of the **next** business day to end of the **same** business day; changes the doctor shopping threshold from 3 prescribers and 3 pharmacies in a 1 month timeframe to 5 prescribers, and 5 pharmacies in a 6 month timeframe; and allows for the reporting of Opioid Treatment Programs to the ILPMP with patient consent.

### Public Act 102-0608

#### Opioid Pamphlet

Effective August 27, 2021, **Public Act 102-0608** requires IDHS to develop and make available on it's website and to all prescribers, pharmacists, and patients, a pamphlet which explains the risks of developing a physical or psychological dependence on opioids. A pharmacist shall furnish the pamphlet or information therein when dispensing opioids and discuss the risks of developing a physical or psychological dependence on opioids.

### Public Act 101-0666

#### EHR Third Parties

Effective January 1, 2022, **Public Act 101-0666** requires the Bureau of Pharmacy and Clinical Support Systems to establish a form to allow EHR Systems to certify the identity of a third party that will provide access to the Prescription Information Library for the EHR system using all or part of a computer program or system that is a federally Certified Health IT Module for the EHR system.

### Public Act 102-0490

## Electronic Prescriptions

Effective January 1, 2023, **Public Act 102-0490** will require prescribers who write more than 25 prescriptions during a 12-month period (both oral and written) of Schedule II, III, IV or V must be sent and received electronically. The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall adopt rules for the administration of this section.

# CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions about information that appears in this newsletter, or suggestions for future content, please email [dhs.pmp@illinois.gov](mailto:dhs.pmp@illinois.gov). Visit [www.ilpmp.org](http://www.ilpmp.org) for more information.



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