

**WAC 246-853-790 Prescription monitoring program—Required registration, queries, and documentation.** (1) The osteopathic physician shall register to access the PMP or demonstrate proof of having registered to access the PMP if they prescribe opioids in Washington state.

(2) The osteopathic physician may delegate the retrieval of a required PMP query to an authorized designee, in accordance with WAC 246-470-050.

(3) At a minimum, the osteopathic physician shall ensure a PMP query is performed prior to the issuance of any prescription of an opioid or of a benzodiazepine.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the requirement to consult the PMP does not apply in situations when it cannot be accessed by the osteopathic physician or their authorized designee due to a temporary technological or electrical failure.

(5) In cases of technical or electrical failure, the osteopathic physician shall document in the patient record the date(s) and time(s) of attempts to access the PMP and shall check the PMP for that patient as soon as is practicable after the failure is resolved, but not later than the next prescription.

(6) Pertinent concerns discovered in the PMP shall be documented in the patient record.

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