

WAC 246-470-050 Local health officer, pharmacist, prescriber or other health care practitioner and medical test site access to information from the program. (1) Access.

(a) The local health officer or a licensed health care practitioner authorized by the local health officer may obtain prescription monitoring information for the purposes of patient follow-up and care coordination following a controlled substance overdose event.

(b) A pharmacist, prescriber, or licensed health care practitioner authorized by a prescriber or pharmacist may obtain prescription monitoring information relating to their patients, for the purpose of providing medical or pharmaceutical care or for the purpose of reviewing the history of prescriptions they wrote.

(c) A qualifying medical test site may have access to prescription monitoring information for the purpose of providing assistance to a prescriber or dispenser for determining medications an identified patient, in the care of the prescriber or dispenser, is taking.

(2) Registration for access.

(a) A local health officer, pharmacist, prescriber, or licensed health care practitioner authorized by a local health officer, prescriber or pharmacist shall register by using the registration process established by the department in order to receive an authentication to access the electronic system.

(b) Staff of a qualifying medical test site, meeting requirements of (a) of this subsection may register for access by using the registration process established by the department.

(3) Verification by the department. The department shall verify the authentication and identity of the local health officer, pharmacist, prescriber, licensed health care practitioner authorized by a local health officer, prescriber or pharmacist, or staff of a qualifying medical test site before allowing access to any prescription monitoring information. The qualifying medical testing laboratory's registered substance abuse and mental health services administration responsible person must designate and report to the program those staff who may access the prescription monitoring information.

(4) Procedure for accessing prescription information.

(a) A local health officer, pharmacist, prescriber, licensed health care practitioner authorized by a local health officer, prescriber or pharmacist, or staff of a qualifying medical test site center may access information from the program electronically, using the authentication issued by the department or the department's designee.

(b) A local health officer, pharmacist, prescriber, or licensed health care practitioner authorized by a local health officer, prescriber or pharmacist may alternately submit a written request via mail or facsimile transmission in a manner and format established by the department.

(5) Reporting lost or stolen authentication. If the authentication issued by the department is lost, missing, or the security of the authentication is compromised, the local health officer, pharmacist, prescriber, licensed health care practitioner authorized by a local health officer, prescriber or pharmacist, or staff of a qualifying medical test site shall notify the department's designee by telephone and in writing as soon as reasonably possible.

(6) All requests for, uses of, and disclosures of prescription monitoring information by authorized persons must be consistent with the mandate as outlined in RCW 70.225.040 and this chapter.

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