

Governor Christie's Commitment To Preventing Addiction Before It Starts *New Jersey And New York Join Forces To Enhance Prescription Monitoring Programs*

In an effort to enhance Prescription Monitoring Programs, New York and New Jersey have joined forces in the national fight against heroin and opioid addiction. New York is the seventh state to partner with New Jersey's Prescription Monitoring Program, which allows participating states to share records on the sale of prescriptions for Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS).

This partnership is a significant step forward in combatting a national heroin and opioid crisis fueled, in part, by patients who become addicted to prescription pain pills. New Jersey's Prescription Monitoring Program is also successfully integrated with South Carolina, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Virginia, Connecticut and Delaware.

Governor Christie continues to work tirelessly to combat heroin and opioid addiction by initiating and growing innovative, life-saving programs, such as New Jersey's PMP.

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The Governor's Commitment Preventing Addiction Before It Starts Has Been A Top Priority Since The Earliest Days Of His Administration

New Jersey established the New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program (NJMP) database in September 2011. To date, the NJMP contains more than 59 million records of prescription drug prescribing and dispensing, including prescriptions for Human Growth Hormone (HGH). The NJMP is available to all licensed healthcare practitioners who are authorized by the State of New Jersey to prescribe or dispense CDS medications. More than 96 percent of all licensed physicians in New Jersey presently are registered to use the NJMP. Since the PMP's inception in 2011, more than 6 million requests were conducted by New Jersey users.

Expansion of Prescription Monitoring Program (NJPMP) to Include Interstate Data-Sharing: In 2014, Governor Christie announced that the NJPMP expanded its interstate data-sharing capabilities to connect with Delaware and Connecticut. Last year, interconnectivity was established with Rhode Island, Virginia, Minnesota, and South Carolina.

- NJPMP data shows that prescribers in New Jersey are successfully making use of the ability to view cross-border prescription data. According to the latest available data, during the first nine months of 2015 the interstate hub enabled 29,525 prescriber data requests in the first quarter, 38,902 data requests in the second quarter, and 46,033 data requests in the third quarter between New Jersey, Connecticut, and Delaware. In Quarter Four of 2015 when South Carolina, Minnesota, Rhode Island and Virginia were added, the prescriber data requests for all six states the NJPMP was connected with increased to 63,624 requests.
- In the first eight days of operation, the interstate hub enabled more than 16,000 data requests between New Jersey and New York.

Launched the First-In-The-Nation Mobile App: In April 2015, New Jersey launched the first-in-the-nation mobile app that allows authorized practitioners to conduct NJPMP searches on smartphones and other mobile devices, enabling them to bring this tool directly into their everyday patient care.

Signed Legislation Implementing Statewide Law Enforcement Efforts Against Opioid Abuse: These coordination activities include the Division of Consumer Affairs and professional licensing boards in identifying, investigating, and prosecuting the illegal sources and distribution of prescription opioid drugs; taking appropriate steps to enhance the oversight by professional licensing boards; and providing training to law enforcement officials, physicians, and pharmacists.

Expansion of the Project Medicine Drop: In April 2015, Governor Christie signed legislation expanding Project Medicine Drop. The legislation expands the Department of Law & Public Safety's (L&PS) existing Project Medicine Drop program, and provides for future expansion of the program at the funding discretion of the Department.

Prevention of "Doctor Shopping": In July 2015, Governor Christie continued to build on the effectiveness of NJPMP by signing legislation that broadened the use of the NJPMP by doctors and pharmacists, and implement new methods for preventing "doctor shopping" that occurs with prescription and opioid abuse.