

**Alabama Department of Public Health
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)
Privacy Statement**

Statutory Authority:

The Alabama Department of Public Health was given authority under *Code of Ala. 1975*§ 20-2-210 *et seq.* to establish, create, and maintain a controlled substances prescription database program. This program is to promote the public health and welfare by detecting diversion, abuse, and misuse of prescription medications classified as controlled substances under the Alabama Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

Access to Information:

A *licensed practitioner* approved by the department who has authority to prescribe, dispense, or administer controlled substances, provided, however, that such access shall be limited to information concerning a current or prospective patient of the practitioner.

A *licensed assistant to physician* approved by the department who is authorized to prescribe, administer, or dispense pursuant to a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate; provided, however, that such access shall be limited to information concerning a current or prospective patient of the assistant to physician.

A *licensed pharmacist* approved by the department, provided, however, that such access is limited to information related to the patient or prescribing practitioner designated on a controlled substance prescription that a pharmacist has been asked to fill.

State and local law enforcement authorities as authorized under *Code of Ala. 1975*§ 20-2-91 and *federal law enforcement* authorities as authorized under 5 U.S.C. § 8331 (20) to access prescription information upon application to the department accompanied by an affidavit stating probable cause for the use of the requested information.

User Account and Password:

User account login and passwords will be assigned and managed by PDMP Management. User login and password accounts are never to be shared. All user account deletions, additions, access, permissions, and changes must be submitted in writing.

Unlawful Disclosure:

Any person who intentionally makes an unauthorized disclosure of information contained in the controlled substances prescription database shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Any person or entity who intentionally obtains unauthorized access to or who alters or destroys information contained in the controlled substances database shall be guilty of a Class C felony. (Act 2004-443, p. 781, § 7.)

I understand that inappropriate access or disclosure of this information is a violation of Alabama law and may result in disciplinary action by my licensing board and/or revocation of database access privileges.

Account Agreement:

By signing this agreement I hereby agree to follow the security and password policies of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. I agree to not disclose nor misrepresent any data or protected health information to any unauthorized person or party. I agree that I will not share my account information, login name, or password with anyone, even if they are authorized users of the program.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____