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Practitioners Must Personally Apply— It Cannot Be Delegated

When applying for a state controlled substances registration, the application must be completed and submitted personally by the registrant. The responsibility cannot be delegated to another person. There are certain questions on the application that only the practitioner would personally know. There are regulations and instructions on the paper application and the online application that specifically caution that the application process cannot be delegated to another person.

Missouri- Opioid Crisis Information:

The Department of Health and Senior Services maintains a dashboard of available opioid crisis statistics. At the department's website <https://health.mo.gov> there is a link on the right side of the page titled, How Do I Find More about the Opioid Crisis Response? This link has information on regional summits, the MO HOPE Project and the Missouri Overdose Rescue and Education (MORE). There are statistics on deaths, the impact on citizens, and costs. There are links to recently published articles. A person may download a copy of the standing order for naloxone authorized by Department Director Randall Williams, MD, FACOG.

Update on Drug Disposal Boxes:

Hospitals and pharmacies may install drug disposal boxes to collect unwanted medications from patients. The state has mirrored and incorporated the federal DEA regulations so that providers may have a disposal box and comply with the existing DEA regulations. In order to be approved, the registrant may submit a request in writing to the BNDD via letter, mail, fax, or email. The BNDD will send an authorization letter. There is no fee. Pursuant to law, the BNDD publishes a list of locations in Missouri with disposal boxes. The list has 138 law enforcement locations and 36 pharmacies/hospitals. The lists can be seen at the bureau's website <http://health.mo.gov/safety/bndd> under the link to How Citizens Can Dispose of Unwanted Medications.



DEA announces enhanced tool for registered drug manufacturers and distributors to combat opioid crisis

WASHINGTON – The Drug Enforcement Administration today announced the launch of an enhanced system to help more than 1,500 registered drug manufacturers and distributors nationwide more effectively identify potential illicit drug diversion and combat the opioid epidemic.

On Oct. 24, 2018, President Trump signed into law the “Substance Use–Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act,” or the “SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act” (Public Law 115-217). A provision in the bill amends 21 U.S.C. 827, requiring the Drug Enforcement Administration to provide drug manufacturers and distributors with access to anonymized information through the Automated Reports and Consolidated Orders System (ARCOS) to help drug manufacturers and distributors identify, report and stop suspicious orders of opioids and reduce diversion rates.

ARCOS is a comprehensive drug reporting system that monitors the distribution of controlled substances from the point of manufacture through commercial drug supply chain channels to the point of sale to the retail level (e.g., practitioners, pharmacies, hospitals/clinics). ARCOS does not contain or collect any data on sales to ultimate users (i.e., patients).

In February 2018, DEA launched a new tool in its ARCOS Online Reporting System to assist drug manufacturers and distributors with their regulatory obligations under the Controlled Substances Act. The new statutory requirement in the SUPPORT Act builds upon this existing tool and DEA is releasing a further enhancement to its ARCOS Online Reporting System. The enhancement will allow DEA-registered manufacturers and distributors to view and download the number of distributors and the amount (anonymized data in both grams and dosage units) each distributor sold to a prospective customer in the last available six months of data. This resource is one of many steps DEA is taking to collaborate with its 1.8 million registrants to combat the ongoing opioid epidemic in the United States.

DEA regulations require distributors to both know their customers and develop a system to identify and report suspicious orders. Manufacturers and distributors have consistently expressed a desire for assistance from DEA in fulfilling these obligations and have requested ARCOS information to help them make informed decisions about whether new customers are purchasing excessive quantities of controlled substances. This new tool will provide valuable information for distributors to consider as part of their assessment. For example, if a query resulted in a large number of suppliers who have recently sold unusual quantities of opioid analgesics to a prospective purchaser, this may represent a “red flag” to the new distributor and foster a dialogue between that distributor and the pharmacy.

From the United States Drug Enforcement Administration



Resident Physicians in Training Programs:

The cycles for residency programs begin on July 1 each year and run until June 30. The majority of resident physicians have state controlled drug registrations that will expire on June 30, 2019. Email reminders will be sent out during the last week of April 2019. This is the bureau's busiest time of year with thousands of applications pending during that 8-week period. The fastest and easiest way to apply is to apply online. Paper applications take much longer to process.

Reminder from BNDD...



Saturday, April 27
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

DEA Take Back.com



DEA National Drug Take-Back Day—April 27, 2019

The DEA has announced their next national take-back day is Saturday, April 27, 2019. Law enforcement agencies are authorized to collect unwanted medications for disposal. Additional information can be obtained at <https://takebackday.dea.gov> or also at www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov.

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