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## NEW LEGISLATION— Additional Record Keeping Requirement for Dentists

On July 11, 2019, Governor Parson signed Senate Bill 514 into law. The law goes into effect on August 28, 2019. The new language requires additional documentation in patients' charts when dentists prescribe certain levels of opiates.

- Long-acting and extended-release opioid preparations shall not be used for the treatment of acute pain. However, if a dentist determines in their professional judgment that a slow-release, extended-release, or long-lasting opioid is needed, the dentist must document the reason and justification in the patient chart.
- Dentists shall avoid prescribing opioid regimens greater than 50mg morphine milligram equivalents (MME) per day, for the treatment of acute pain. However, if a dentist determines in their professional judgment that doses greater than 50mg MME is needed, the dentist must document the reason and justification in the patient chart.
- The Missouri Dental Board shall maintain a MME conversion chart and instructions for calculating MME on its website.

The BNDD wishes to point out that the prescribing authority of dentists has not been restricted and dentist may continue to prescribe with the full authority that they have in the past. There is no

requirement for the dentists to provide additional documentation on a prescription. The new law only requires dentists to perform additional charting when certain opioid prescribing occurs.

The BNDD also would like to share that the CDC provides an efficient MME conversion chart that is available on smart phones for free. Practitioners may always have this application at their fingertips where they can type in the drug name, strength, quantity and doses per day and calculate the total MME.

## BNDD Follow Up...

### Drug Take-Back Information from April 2019:

The DEA take-back event in April 2019 resulted in drugs being collected from 247 separate locations. The DEA picked up 38,233 pounds of unwanted medications. Since beginning in September 2010, the DEA has removed 494,620 pounds of drugs from Missouri.

Missouri has disposal boxes scattered throughout the state that patients may use year around. There are 138 boxes located in police departments or Sheriffs' Offices. There are currently 40 pharmacies or hospitals that have a drop box. A list of these locations can be seen at [health.mo.gov/safety/bndd/index.php](http://health.mo.gov/safety/bndd/index.php).

# Current BNDD Registrant Statistics:

REGISTRANT TYPE	NUMBER
Advanced Practice Nurses	1,664
Ambulatory Surgery Centers	119
Analytical Labs	57
Assistant Physicians	13
Correctional Centers/Jails	86
Dentists (DMD)	682
Dentists (DDS)	2,163
Distributors	36
EMS Ambulance Services	341
Exporters	13
Hospice facilities	5
Hospitals	172
Importers	12
LTCF-Automated machines	60
LTCF-Emergency kits	545
Manufacturers	23
Mental Health Facilities (DMH)	48
Military Training	4
Narcotic Treatment Program	15
Optometrists	703
Other (BNDD,Brd Pharm)	10
Physician (DO)	3,211
Physician (MD)	18,684
Physician Assistant (PA)	370
Podiatrists (DPM)	259
Retail Pharmacies	1,352
Researchers (Business)	149
Researchers (Individuals)	140
Teaching Institutions	8
Veterinarians (DVM)	1,804
<b>30 Licensure Types</b>	<b>32,748</b>

# **NEW LEGISLATION—Mandatory Electronic Prescriptions for All Controlled Substances**

On July 11, 2019, Governor Parson signed Senate Bill 514 into law. The law goes into effect on August 28, 2019. The new language requires all prescriptions for controlled substances to be electronic by January 2021. This gives all individual practitioners and pharmacies approximately a two-year window to research and implement the electronic prescribing of controlled substances, or what the DEA refers to as EPCS. The BNDD does not have any additional requirements and mirrors the DEA federal regulations for EPCS. Practitioners are advised to insure that any software or hardware they are implementing comes from a source where their system has been audited and approved by the DEA. Only DEA approved systems are authorized. Companies offering EPCS systems should be able to show you their DEA authorization.

Although this new law requires EPCS in Missouri by January 2021, the law contains nine (9) sections of exceptions where practitioners may continue to prescribe in writing, telephone, or fax. One of the exceptions is that practitioner may ask for an annual waiver from the BNDD in certain circumstances. The waiver is valid for one year. The BNDD is to establish a process by regulation. At this time the department is researching the new law and determining the best way to implement the process. Any new rules proposed by the department will be published in the Missouri Register. The BNDD will continue to communicate with state board and professional associations in this matter.



## **WELCOME!**

### **Change in DEA Diversion Program Manager**

Diversion Program Manager Scott Collier has retired from the DEA office in St. Louis. Scott supervised the diversion programs for Southern Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota for many years. Colleagues had a chance to attend a reception for Scott last month and show him our tremendous appreciation for all that he has done for us.

The new Diversion Program Manager for the St. Louis District Office and Mid-West will be Ms. Inez Davis. Ms. Davis is currently in the DEA Diversion office in Los Angeles. She will be arriving in Missouri in September.

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