

NEW SECTION

WAC 182-530-1080 Requirements for providers prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance—Prescription monitoring program (PMP).

This section identifies the steps providers must take to check an apple health client's prescription drug history in the prescription monitoring program (PMP) described in chapter 246-470 WAC.

(1) **PMP review required.** Except as identified in subsection (4) of this section, a provider must check all of a client's current prescriptions in the PMP, including any prescriptions not paid for by apple health, before prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance.

(2) **Retrieval by delegates allowed.** A provider may delegate the retrieval of the client's PMP information to anyone in their practice setting with authorization to access the PMP, so long as the provider reviews all of the client's current prescriptions in the PMP before prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance.

(3) **Documentation.** The provider must document in the client's record the date and time of the:

- (a) Retrieval of information from the PMP; and
- (b) Review of information from the PMP.

(4) **Good faith effort exception.**

(a) A provider or their delegate must make a good faith effort to review a client's prescription drug history in the PMP.

(b) If a provider or their delegate is unable to access the client's record in the PMP after a good faith effort, that attempt must be documented in the client's record.

(c) A provider must document the reason or reasons they were unable to conduct the check.

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