APRN holding DEA Certificate

APRN holding a DEA certificate **shall** register for access to the Arkansas Prescription Monitoring Program (AR PMP) database via the AR PMP website.

Act 820 (2017) **mandates all prescribers** to check the information in the AR PMP when prescribing:

a. An opioid from Schedule II or Schedule III for every time prescribing the medication to a patient; and
b. A benzodiazepine medication for the first time prescribing the medication to a patient.

In addition, you are responsible for ASBN Rules relating to the AR PMP. They are located at ASBN Rules, Chapter 4, Section VIII, K. According to ASBN Rules, an APRN must also check the AR PMP when initially prescribing a benzodiazepine and every six months.

The AR PMP was created to assist healthcare practitioners in the battle against prescription drug abuse. Act 304 (2011) established the AR PMP to be implemented under the direction of the Arkansas Department of Health. Prescribers can view their patient’s history of filled prescriptions for controlled substances prior to prescribing a controlled substance. When a pharmacist fills a prescription for a controlled substance (Schedules II - V), this information is sent to the AR PMP databank.

**The following steps will assist APRNs with Prescriptive Authority to register for access to the AR PMP.**

- Enter the [www.arkansaspmp.com](http://www.arkansaspmp.com) website
- Select the “Practitioner/Pharmacist” tab
- Select the blue hyperlink “Training Guide for Arkansas Practitioners and Pharmacists link." You CANNOT skip this step - your temporary ID and password are init.
- Select the "Practitioner/Pharmacist Registration" tab and enter the temporary ID and password
- Complete the registration form and submit
- You will receive two emails with your permanent ID and PIN plus a temporary password that you can change.

Please direct technical questions to the Health Information Designs (HID) Help Desk at 1-855-729-8917. Non-technical questions about the AR PMP itself can be directed to Jamie Turpin, (AR PMP Administrator) at (501) 683-3960 or [jamie.turpin@arkansas.gov](mailto:jamie.turpin@arkansas.gov)