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ASAP Updates 4.2 of the PDMP Reporting Standard with the Release of 4.2A

It has been six years since the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy (ASAP) published V4.2 of its reporting standard, which has become a widely used standard by prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs). Since publishing 4.2 several suggestions were received on ways to enhance the standard. It was therefore decided to convene a workgroup to review what changes should be made to improve the data being reported to PDMPs.

Seventeen PDMPs participated in the workgroup along with national drug chains, PDMP vendors, pharmacy system vendors, and other key stakeholders.

The result was a total of nine changes made to 4.2, most of these dealing with the dispensing segment. For example, treatment type was added to indicate whether the prescription is for opioid dependency treatment. Quantity prescribed was a field added to help clarify what is reported in the partial fill field.

The prescription SIG was another field added in order to satisfy the requirements of the Nebraska PDMP when it will require all prescriptions, and not just controlled substances, be reported in 2018. The SIG field will carry the actual directions that appear on the prescription vial label.

Provision for the ICD-10 diagnosis code was another addition, requested by the New York PDMP, to help reduce rejects when a quantity limit allowed for the drug is exceeded. The ICD-10 code will be reported only when provided with the prescription.

The other changes included clarification of what is reported in the date filled field, the addition of a code for prescriptions transferred/forwarded, and provision for the prescriber's XDEA number when the prescription is for opioid dependency treatment.

In order to streamline the process for voiding prescriptions reported, rather than submitting the entire prescription record, a limited data set was added as an option PDMPs could require.

It is ASAP's policy to make its standards available to PDMPs at no charge. A copy of Version 4 Release 2A can be requested by sending an email to wal@computertalk.com. Others can purchase a copy by going to asapnet.org.

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