



# WYOMING STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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## **Wyoming Transitioning to PMP AWARe**

The Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy is transitioning to Bamboo Health's PMP AWARe platform. Bamboo Health powers 44 of the nation's 54 prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs) in states and territories. In addition to PMP AWARe, Wyoming will be better integrated into the NABP PMP InterConnect® network, the PDMP interstate data sharing platform that allows Wyoming to share relevant PDMP data across state lines and vice versa. PMP InterConnect creates a more holistic view of the controlled substance (CS) prescriptions that a person has received, regardless of the state or pharmacy in which those prescriptions were dispensed. Currently, 52 states and territories, including Wyoming, share data via PMP InterConnect.

Bamboo Health also provides PMP Gateway. PMP Gateway can make accessing the PDMP easy by integrating it directly in the clinical workflows of electronic health records (EHRs) and pharmacy management systems, enhancing patient care and providing a better user experience for practitioners and pharmacists. More than 130 EHR platforms and major and minor pharmacy platforms can integrate through PMP Gateway, including Epic, Cerner, Athenahealth, DrFirst, PioneerRx, PDX, Rx30, and more. Many facilities in Wyoming have already integrated with PMP Gateway. Over the last year, CS insights were delivered in more than 100 million patient encounters per month directly into EHRs and pharmacy management systems through Bamboo Health solutions. For more specific information on integrating with PMP Gateway, contact your software vendor.

The data that practitioners and pharmacists across Wyoming will be able to access through the PMP AWARe solution will provide a more complete picture of their patients' CS use. The data

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provided will help make the PDMP a greater clinical tool and offer practitioners and pharmacists more insight into possible prescription misuse, helping practitioners and pharmacists identify substance use disorders and provide early intervention based on timely and relevant patient data.

Several resources will be available to aid practitioners and pharmacists utilizing the new system. All resources will be linked on the Board's website and users will be able to contact Bamboo Health's helpline 24/7 for assistance.

## ***WORx Transition Update***

Effective June 29, 2022, the WORx Wyoming PDMP will be upgrading to new software to support prescription monitoring services. It will be moving to the Bamboo Health PMP AWARxE software. The [Data Submission Dispenser Guide](#) explains the process to register and transmit data to the Bamboo Health PMP Clearinghouse. The Bamboo Health PMP Clearinghouse is for data submission only.

### ***Important Dates to Remember***

- June 28, 2022: Last day to send data to the existing system
- June 29, 2022: All reporting must go through the new system

### ***How the Change Affects Me***

Are you currently registered with the PMP Clearinghouse as a data submitter for another state? If so, you do not need to re-register. The Data Submission Dispenser Guide has instructions on how to add Wyoming to your list of states for record submission.

Whether you are registering for the first time or are an existing user, your request to submit to the Wyoming PDMP will remain in a "pending approval" status until your account is approved. If you have any questions or concerns regarding how to make this change, please contact support directly at 866/282-7076.

If you also have a WORx user account, you will receive a separate email with instructions for accessing the Wyoming AWARxE site for patient reports. In the new PMP AWARxE system, an email address can only be tied to one user account. User accounts that share the same email address will not be transferred to the new system. If your account is not transferred to the new system because you share the same email address as another user, you will be required to submit a new registration before you will be able to access the new system.

### ***Action Steps***

1. To ensure that your account is successfully transferred to the new system, please verify that the email address listed on your account is unique.
  - a. Log in to your existing account at <https://worxpdmp.com/account/login> to review and update your email address and contact information on the user management tab.

2. All account updates should have been completed by the end of business on June 9, 2022. This is the last day that account updates made in the old system will be reflected in the new system.

### ***Additional Information***

If your account is transferred to the new system, you will receive an email notification when the new system goes live on June 29, 2022, with details about the new website, including login information and a guide for how to run a patient search. If you have already updated your account information, there is nothing you need to do at this time.

Should you have any questions in the meantime, you may contact the Board office by phone at 307/634-9636 or by email at [bop@wyo.gov](mailto:bop@wyo.gov).

### ***Board Going Paperless for Renewals***

To make the renewal process more efficient, 2022 will be the last year that the Board will mail out paper renewal notices. The Board will send out email notices and instructions when the renewal period opens to renew your license. Please make sure your email contact information is up to date. You can check this by visiting the Board's website and clicking on the "Renew/Print License" link along the top of the screen.

If you have forgotten your username or password, please use the "Recover Login Credentials." If you do not believe you currently have an online login credential, please use the "Create Account" link. Please note that the username and password for your renewal is not necessarily the same username and password you may have used for your WORx user account.

Renewal forms will continue to be available to download from the Board's website if you would like to submit your renewal on paper. You may also contact the Board office by phone at 307/634-9636 or by email at [bop@wyo.gov](mailto:bop@wyo.gov) if you have questions.

### ***2022 Wyoming Legislative Update***

#### ***SF0024 – Pharmacist and pharmacy technician practice***

The act authorizes pharmacy technicians to administer immunizations under the supervision of a pharmacist. It also repeals the requirements for **direct** supervision, makes conforming amendments, and requires the Board to promulgate rules.

#### ***SF0101 – Epinephrine and naloxone administration authority***

The act authorizes pharmacists licensed in Wyoming, acting in good faith, and exercising reasonable care to prescribe an epinephrine auto-injector similar to an opiate antagonist to:

- (i) A person at risk of experiencing anaphylaxis;
- (ii) A person in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing anaphylaxis;
- (iii) A person who, in the course of the person's official duties or business, may encounter a person experiencing anaphylaxis.

A pharmacist who prescribes an epinephrine auto-injector under this act must provide education to the person to whom the epinephrine auto-injector is prescribed, which must include written instruction on how to:

- (i) Recognize anaphylaxis;
- (ii) Respond appropriately to an anaphylaxis event, including how to administer epinephrine through use of an epinephrine auto-injector;
- (iii) Ensure that a person to whom epinephrine has been administered receives, as soon as possible, additional medical care, and a medical evaluation.

### ***Recent Disciplinary Actions***

**Resident pharmacy license #R10207:** Dispensed prescriptions that differed from the original prescription. Required to pay an administrative penalty of \$10,000 and submit a plan addressing how the pharmacy will be staffed and managed to provide pharmacy services in a safe and effective manner.

**Wholesale distributor license #WD1918:** Failed to obtain the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy<sup>®</sup>'s (NABP<sup>®</sup>'s) Drug Distributor Accreditation. License is suspended until such time as respondent can provide proof that it has obtained Drug Distributor Accreditation. Required to pay an administrative penalty of \$60,000.

**R.B., RPh, #3144:** Failed to provide adequate supervision of telepharmacy and allowed a pharmacy technician to perform evaluations and interpretations of prescriptions. Required to pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000, complete 12 extra hours of continuing education (CE) on pharmacy law, and submit a corrective action plan.

**C.J., RPh, #2704:** Failed to exercise corresponding responsibility by allowing a patient to routinely fill and refill a CS prescription early on multiple occasions. Administrative penalty stayed if he completes a certificate program containing a minimum of 20 hours of CE relating to the topics of medication safety or opioid therapeutics.

**Z.I., RPh, #3757:** Failed to make a reasonable effort to verify the validity of CS prescriptions and dispensed fraudulent CS prescriptions when there were reasonable grounds to doubt their validity. Admonished for his actions and required to implement a policy identifying common red flags to prevent dispensing fraudulent prescriptions in the future. Also required to complete six extra hours of CE relating to pharmacy law and CS.

**J.K., RPh, #3498:** Failed to complete 1.5 hours of CE on the responsible prescribing of CS as required by the Wyoming Pharmacy Act. Required to complete 12 extra hours of CE, including three hours on pharmacy law, and to pay an administrative penalty of \$500.

**J.P., RPh, #4048:** Failed to complete one hour of CE related to immunizations as required by Chapter 16. Required to complete 12 extra hours of CE, including three hours on pharmacy law, and to pay an administrative penalty of \$500.

**M.S., RPh, #3028:** Failed to complete the required 12 hours of CE for the 2021 renewal period. Required to complete 12 extra hours of CE, including three hours on pharmacy law, and to pay an administrative penalty of \$500.

**S.S., RPh, #3134:** Failed to ensure and document that sterile gloves were being utilized for sterile compounding; daily cleaning was performed before sterile compounding began; media fill tests, gloved fingertip and thumb sampling, and competencies were documented for staff that were allowed to compound; maintain a complete master compounding record; and comply with licensing requirements of other states prior to dispensing into those states. Required to pay \$6,500 and successfully complete the Compounded Sterile Preparations Certificate for pharmacists offered by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

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