



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

An Introduction to the New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program

January 20, 2023
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

The NJ Prescription Monitoring Program (NJPMP), established by N.J.S.A. 45:1-45 et. seq. and overseen by the Department of Law & Public Safety's Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA), is an effective tool to help combat prescription drug abuse. The NJPMP runs a statewide database that collects prescription data on controlled dangerous substances, human growth hormone, and gabapentin prescribed in outpatient settings and dispensed by New Jersey pharmacies and out-of-state pharmacies dispensing into New Jersey. The NJPMP has been a critical component in stemming the abuse and diversion of drugs by helping prescribers and pharmacists make more informed clinical decisions on whether to prescribe or dispense opioids, preventing "doctor/pharmacy shopping" among patients, and monitoring inappropriate prescribing. The presenters are NJPMP experts who will provide an overview and history of the NJPMP, how and when the NJPMP must be accessed by licensed health care prescribers for patient lookups, confidentiality considerations for the data collected in the system, and ways in which the NJPMP is being used to tackle the opioid epidemic.

Eligibility

This program is open to attorneys in the Department of Law and Public Safety and county prosecutors' offices.

Faculty

Jeffrey D. Laszczyk, Jr., PharmD, BCACP, BCGP is the Administrator for the NJPMP in the Department of Law & Public Safety's DCA. He is Board Certified in both Geriatric and Ambulatory Care Pharmacy and prior to joining DCA in 2017, spent most of his career practicing

as a clinical pharmacist in community and outpatient health care facilities. Dr. Laszczyk received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from The Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and completed his residency with a focus on geriatrics and medication therapy management at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy.

DAG Tobey Palan is a member of the Division of Law's Consumer Affairs Counseling Section. She represents the NJPMP and the State Board of Medical Examiners, along with multiple committees of the Board of Medical Examiners, the Health Care Professional Responsibility and Reporting Enhancement Act, the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care, the New Jersey State Board of Polysomnography, and the New Jersey State Board of Accountancy. Prior to joining the Division of Law, DAG Palan worked in the environmental litigation department of AIG and in the financial litigation department at Mason, Taylor & Colicchio. She graduated from Glassboro State College with a degree in Accounting and earned her J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law.

CLE Credit

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