

# Do you have a CSR? Register with INSPECT by Jan. 1

## EDs, pain clinics also must start INSPECT checks on Jan. 1

Jan. 1, 2019, is an important deadline for Indiana physicians for two reasons, after the General Assembly passed SEA 221 during the 2018 session.

First, any provider holding a controlled substance registration (CSR) in Indiana must be registered with INSPECT, the state's prescription drug monitoring program, by Jan. 1, 2019.

Second, starting Jan. 1, 2019, physicians in a hospital emergency department (ED) or a

pain clinic must check INSPECT records every time they prescribe or dispense an opioid or benzodiazepine. This requirement will be phased in for doctors in other practice settings over the next two years.

If your health care facility has integrated its electronic health records (EHRs) with INSPECT, you are already registered. If you hold a CSR and your facility has not integrated with INSPECT, you must register with the program at <https://indiana.pmpaware.net/login> by Jan. 1, 2019. Registration is free.

Integrating EHRs with INSPECT is not necessary to be able to register and to check patient records. Providers will always be able to do this online at <https://indiana.pmpaware.net/login>.

### Here are answers to some key questions about the new law.

#### Q. Who must register with INSPECT by Jan. 1, 2019?

**A.** If you hold a CSR, you must register by the deadline. The law applies to any physician, hospital, researcher or other provider who holds a CSR to prescribe, distribute or dispense controlled substances in Indiana.

### Indiana prescribers/dispensers must start checking INSPECT records for all opioid and benzodiazepine prescriptions by these dates:

#### Now

- Facilities with INSPECT-integrated EHRs

#### Jan. 1, 2019

- Hospital emergency departments
- Pain-management clinics

#### Jan. 1, 2020

- Hospitals

#### Jan. 1, 2021

- All Indiana practitioners



#### • Jan. 1, 2020:

Practitioners who provide services to the patient in a hospital.

#### • Jan. 1, 2021:

All Indiana practitioners.

#### Q. Do I have to check INSPECT every time I prescribe or dispense an opioid or benzodiazepine?

**A.** Yes, with one exception. If a patient is subject to a pain-management contract, INSPECT information needs to be obtained only once every 90 days. Also,

the requirement applies for all patients, including infants and those in hospice, palliative or long-term care.

#### Q. What if I have no internet access or only unreliable access?

**A.** These prescribers may receive a waiver under a process to be established by the Indiana Board of Pharmacy.

#### Q. What if I'm too busy to query INSPECT?

**A.** A delegate may perform the queries on your behalf. Also, integrating your facility's EHRs with INSPECT reduces the time to search patients' records from about five minutes using the online portal to two or three seconds. Integration is fast, simple and free, thanks to the state's decision last year to fund these costs. To begin the integration process, visit [www.ismanet.org/INSPECTintegration](http://www.ismanet.org/INSPECTintegration).

Two PowerPoint slides explaining SEA 221 may help in understanding its requirements; those are available at [www.ismanet.org/pdf/mandatoryINSPECT.pdf](http://www.ismanet.org/pdf/mandatoryINSPECT.pdf).

#### Q. Will I have to check INSPECT when prescribing or dispensing all controlled substances?

**A.** No. The new law applies only for opioids and benzodiazepines.

#### Q. When do I have to start checking INSPECT?

**A.** That depends. In a setting with INSPECT integration, you must already be checking patients' histories when prescribing opioids or benzodiazepines. With or without INSPECT integration, practitioners in the following settings must begin making the queries on these dates:

- **Jan. 1, 2019:** Practitioners who provide services to the patient in a hospital emergency department or a pain management clinic. The law defines a pain management clinic as a publicly or privately owned facility that primarily engages in the treatment of pain or management through prescribing controlled substances. It does not refer to hospice, outpatient surgical centers or long-term care facilities.

## Opioid CME requirement starts July 1, 2019

Several members have asked about Senate Enrolled Act 225 (P.L.55-2018), passed in the 2018 legislative session. This law requires any board-licensed health care practitioner applying for or renewing a controlled substance registration to have completed two hours

of continuing medical education (CME) on opioid addiction and prescribing in the previous two years. This requirement takes effect July 1, 2019, and sunsets on July 1, 2025.

The Indiana Professional Licensing Agency will post a list of CME

providers whose offerings meet this requirement on its website, [www.in.gov/pla/medical.htm](http://www.in.gov/pla/medical.htm). ISMA will keep members updated as more information becomes available.

The full text of SEA 225 is online at [www.ismanet.org/SEA225](http://www.ismanet.org/SEA225).



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