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Media Release

Ohio Healthcare Providers Can Now Access West Virginia Patient Prescription Information

Starting today, Ohio prescribers and pharmacists can request patient prescription information from West Virginia through the Ohio's Prescription Monitoring Program, known as the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS). The ability of OARRS to connect with West Virginia's Prescription Monitoring Program means that Ohio healthcare providers can now access patient information on controlled substances that were filled in West Virginia without having to utilize two separate systems. This new feature will further enhance the ability of providers to prevent the misuse and diversion of controlled substances, including opioid pain medications.

Developed in 2006, OARRS collects information on all prescriptions for controlled substances that are dispensed in Ohio. This information is then available to prescribers when they treat patients and pharmacists when presented with prescriptions from patients. Currently, the system processes more than 30,000 requests from healthcare providers each weekday.

In addition to West Virginia, OARRS users can access controlled substance prescription information from prescription monitoring programs in Arizona, Connecticut, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, South Carolina, South Dakota and Virginia.

For more information on OARRS, including how to register for the system, please visit: www.ohiopmp.gov/