

## ***Mandatory PDMP Registration for CDS Prescribers & Pharmacists***

**Prescribers:** Beginning **October 1, 2016**, practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled dangerous substances (CDS) in Maryland must be registered with the PDMP prior to obtaining a new or renewal state CDS Registration (issued by the Division of Drug Control) **OR** by **July 1, 2017**, whichever occurs sooner. *This applies to physicians, physician assistants, nurses, dentists, podiatrists and veterinarians.*

Prescribers must, with some exceptions, query and review their patient's PDMP data prior to initially prescribing an opioid or benzodiazepine **AND** at least every 90 days thereafter as long as the course of the treatment continues to include an opioid or benzodiazepine. Prescribers must also document PDMP data query and review in the patient's record.