What is the Nebraska PDMP?
The Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program available on the HIE 2.0 platform is a standalone medication query functionality available to all prescribers and dispensers in Nebraska at no cost to enhance patient safety by preventing adverse drug events (ADEs) through unintended medication discrepancies. Consumers will not be able to opt out of the PDMP functionality as the data is available through a separate tile on the NeHII HIE 2.0 dashboard. All controlled substances Schedule II to V that have been dispensed by healthcare professionals licensed in the state of Nebraska or prescriptions delivered to a Nebraska address will be reported to the system. The PDMP will utilize the DrFirst Medication History software which delivers the med query functionality effective 1/1/2017. All prescriptions will be reported to the system 1/1/2018, hence offering prescribers and dispensers a medication reconciliation tool at no cost.

In partnership with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and NeHII, the DrFirst Medication History service allows for the hosting of medication history data for the purposes of preventing adverse drug events and prescription drug monitoring. The system is designed to allow prescribers, dispensers, or other registered users to query the hosted information for display by using the DrFirst Medication History service. The Medication History service connects to the hosting service to serve up queried medication history to the requestor.

As part of the medication history hosting service, DrFirst will provide appropriate infrastructure to accept data supplied by pharmacies as required by Nebraska state statute 71-2454. Pharmacies will provide data daily in a standardized format or will provide zero reports if no medications were dispensed that met the required criteria. In the event the records provided by a dispenser are not in the correct format, unreadable or damaged, DrFirst shall not load the record and shall report the error to the applicable dispenser for remedy.

Requirements
All controlled substance prescriptions Schedule II - V dispensed within the state or to a Nebraska address must be reported to the PDMP effective 1/1/2017. The Nebraska PDMP Implementation Guide defines the specific required record content for reporting in the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy (ASAP) 4.2 format to comply with the Nebraska PDMP requirements. Data is to be provided by dispensers in the ASAP 4.2 delimited format (SFTP) or XML (Web Service). Beginning 1/1/2018, all prescriptions will be reported to the system. Please contact NeHII at the contact information listed below for the detailed Nebraska PDMP Implementation Guide.

Cost
Because of grant funding secured from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Harold Rogers federal agencies NeHII pursued in partnership with the State of Nebraska, implementation and participation fees will be waived for all prescribers and dispensers in the state to access the PDMP. There may be additional charges incurred from the pharmacy’s electronic information system vendor to provide the required reporting of controlled substances to the PDMP system.

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