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**Prescription Drug Monitoring Program**

The Red Rock Partnership for Success (PFS) Program would like to educate the community on prescription monitoring program.

The Prescription Monitoring Program requires doctors to check an online database before prescribing some highly addictive medications. Doctors will have to check the database the first time they prescribe for a patient, and then check it every 180 days thereafter. One of the main goals of the PMP is to reduce doctor shopping in Oklahoma. **Doctor shopping** is the practice of visiting multiple physicians to obtain multiple prescriptions for otherwise illegal drugs, or the medical opinion that one wants to hear. It is a common practice of drug addicts, suppliers of drug addicts.

Summary for House Bill 1948:

- Effective date of HB 1948 November 1, 2015
- Mandatory PMP check for new patients or after 180 days elapsed since PMP check for patient prior to physician prescribing one of the following: Doctors check when they prescribe three classes of drugs: opiate painkillers such as oxycodone and hydrocodone, anti-anxiety medications such as Xanax, and carisoprodol, a muscle relaxant that's marketed as Soma.

- Physicians may designate a staff member to run the patient PMP on the physician's behalf
- Physicians may include a copy of the patient's PMP in the patient's medical record
- Under this act, access to the OBN PMP now granted to medical practitioners and their staff employed by federal agencies treating patients in the state of Oklahoma

According to the director of the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics, "The PMP is an intervention tool, helping medical professionals make informed decisions regarding their patient's prior prescription drug history." The PMP application provides continuity between practitioners, pharmacies, and state law enforcement to help prevent prescription fraud in Oklahoma. No other state provides controlled dangerous substance (CDS) information in "real time"; within 5 minutes of being handed to a patient/customer. Oklahoma's use of the PMP has been highly successful in decreasing prescription drug fraud and diversion.

#### PMP Benefits:

- ⇒ Patient Reports: Give the ability to run a report on your patient / customer to see what CDS they have received, who prescribed it, and where they got it filled.
- ⇒ Prescriber Reports: View all prescriptions that have been filled using your DEA #. See if your DEA # is being used in ways other than those you have authorized.
- ⇒ Pharmacy Reports: See all prescriptions that have been filled at your pharmacy. This allows you to check to see if all of your CDS are being reported correctly to the PMP.

Prescription drug abuse is the fastest growing drug problem facing Oklahoma today. Prescription painkillers have been identified as a gateway drug to heroin abuse. According to the Oklahoma State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) and the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the State of Oklahoma ranks ninth in the nation for deaths involving prescription painkillers.

One way to help decrease prescription sharing is to properly dispose of your unwanted or expired medications through the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN) drop boxes or Medsafe Boxes located at the four pharmacies in Grady County. In Grady County the drop boxes are located at the following locations:

#### **Grady County Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics Prescription Drop Box Locations:**

##### **Chickasha Police Department**

2001 W. Iowa Ave. Chickasha, Oklahoma 73018 405-222-6050

##### **Grady County Sheriff's Office**

302 N. 3rd Street

Chickasha, Oklahoma 73018 405-222-1000

*Dispose your unwanted, unused or expired medication at either location in Grady County. It's safe and anonymous!*

**MedSafe Boxes Medication Disposal Pharmacy Locations :**

**Cedar Springs Pharmacy**

5310 E. HWY 37

Tuttle, OK 73089

405-381-4425

**Chickasha Clinic Pharmacy**

2224 W. Iowa

Chickasha, OK 73018

405-224-4851

**Grand Care Pharmacy**

2103 W. Iowa

Chickasha, OK 73018

405-222-2273

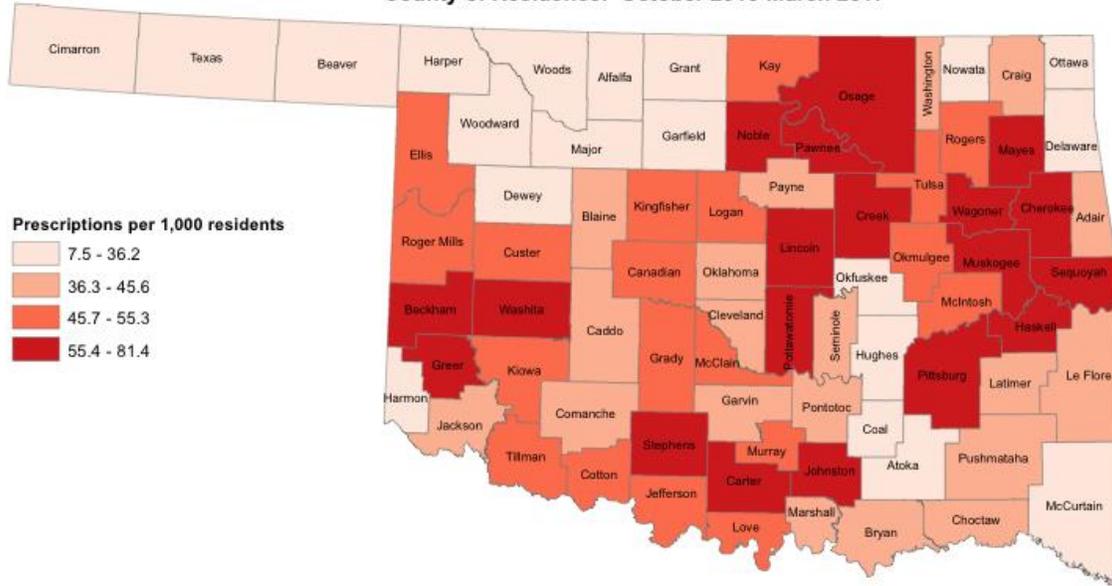
**Liberty Drug Pharmacy**

315 Chickasha, OK 73018

Red Rock PFS primary focus is to serve as a prevention community liaison. Red Rock SPF-PFS educates and informs communities through multiple strategies including community based services, environmental strategies, early recognition, and referral. We take the proactive approach in reducing substance abuse among communities. The SPF-PFS project is funded by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), CSAP (Center for Substance Abuse Prevention) and ODMHSAS. For more information on the appropriate disposal of prescription drugs or other substance abuse prevention strategies within Grady County, please contact Julia Cochran (405)-422-8872 or visit [www.takleasrpesribed.org](http://www.takleasrpesribed.org)



**Number of High Dose Opioid Prescriptions (>90 MME/day) per 1,000 Residents, by Patient County of Residence: October 2016-March 2017**



This indicator includes select dispensed prescription opioids where patients had an average of >90 morphine milligram equivalents (MME) of opioid analgesic drugs prescribed per day as entered into the Oklahoma Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) system. All Buprenorphine products and veterinary prescriptions are excluded. Drugs not typically used in outpatient settings or otherwise not critical for calculating dosages in MME, such as cough and cold formulations including elixirs, and combination products containing antitussives, decongestants, anti-histamines, and expectorants have been excluded using the CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control MME file.

Data Source: Data and maps were analyzed and compiled from the Oklahoma PMPAWARxE system by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Decision Support Services and Prevention Services.

Map created: November 2017