Electronic Prescription Records System Workgroup

October 3, 2018

Meeting Summary

Key discussion items include:

- Kate Jackson, Director of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), provided an overview of current processes for reporting Schedule II-V controlled dangerous substances (CDS) (presentation slides available here). Of note, Maryland will soon require daily reporting of dispensed CDS medications (a change from the current requirement of three business days); about half of all states already require daily reporting. Use of the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy (ASAP) Standard Version 4.2 was discussed in addition to the editing process and data error reports.[1] A follow-up item came from one inquiry about reporting requirements for correctional facilities.
- Mathew Shimoda, PharmD, Pharmacy Director of SuperValu, provided a personal perspective about current and potential new State mandates (presentation slides available here). Dr. Shimoda discussed automated and manual processes for CDS and the additional resources that would be needed for reporting non-CDS (an estimated 10 fold increase in volume). Discussion among the workgroup also highlighted the need for pharmacy access to clinical data available through the State-Designated Health Information Exchange, the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP).
- The workgroup reviewed Version 3 of the discussion items/grids to continue information gathering about potential benefits, barriers/challenges, and solutions for specific components of an electronic prescription records system. Item 3A (i.e., investing new resources to expand reporting of non-CDS) brought to light limitations in utilizing the current PDMP infrastructure and potential vendor options to support non-CDS, including existing claims-based networks that are connected to many pharmacies and health care providers. The need to assess contractual issues for information sharing and data integration across various systems to avoid duplication was discussed.
- *Action Items: The MHCC will be forming two subgroups that will collaborate virtually over the next month. A Technology Subgroup will convene on Wednesday October 17th from 2:00 to 3:30pm EDT to discuss a vendor neutral technical infrastructure for non-CDS data that does not require use of existing PDMP technology. An Information Gathering Grids Subgroup will work together in GoogleDocs to deliberate on benefits, barriers/challenges, and solutions for key discussion items identified in the law. Please contact Eva Lenoir at eva.lenoir@maryland.gov if you would like to participate in one or more subgroups.*
- *Upcoming Meeting: The workgroup will convene again at MHCC offices on Thursday, November 8, 2018 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm EST. Refer to the workgroup webpage for meeting dates and times through the end of this year.*

[1] Errors are classified as minor, serious, or fatal. For more information, refer to Dispenser's Implementation Guide: rxsentry.net/assets/files/mdpdmp/2017/MD_PDMP_Dispensers_Implementation_Guide.pdf.