

# IOWA PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM

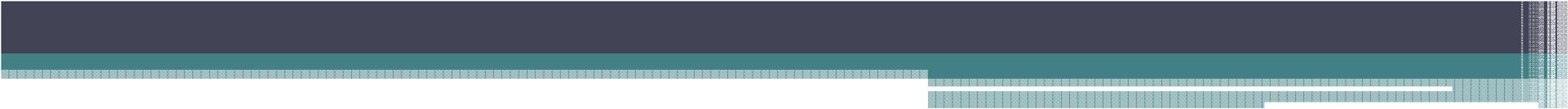
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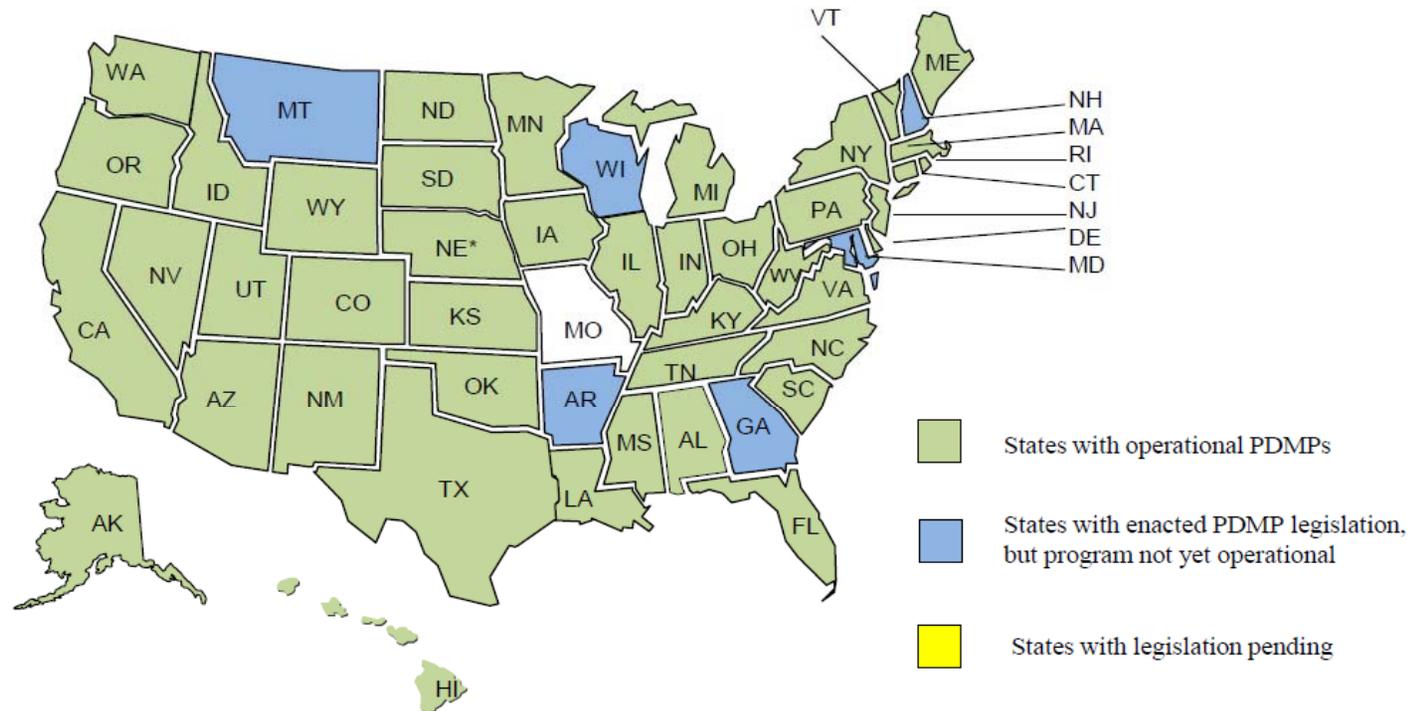
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# PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- **Improve patient care**
- **A health care tool for practitioners**
  - Determine appropriate treatment options
  - Encourage appropriate prescribing
  - Reduce diversion of controlled substances
  - Identify misuse or abuse of controlled substances
- **Access by practitioners is voluntary**

## Status of State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs)



\*The operation of Nebraska's Prescription Monitoring Program is currently being facilitated through the state's Health Information Initiative. Participation by patients, physicians, and other health care providers is voluntary.

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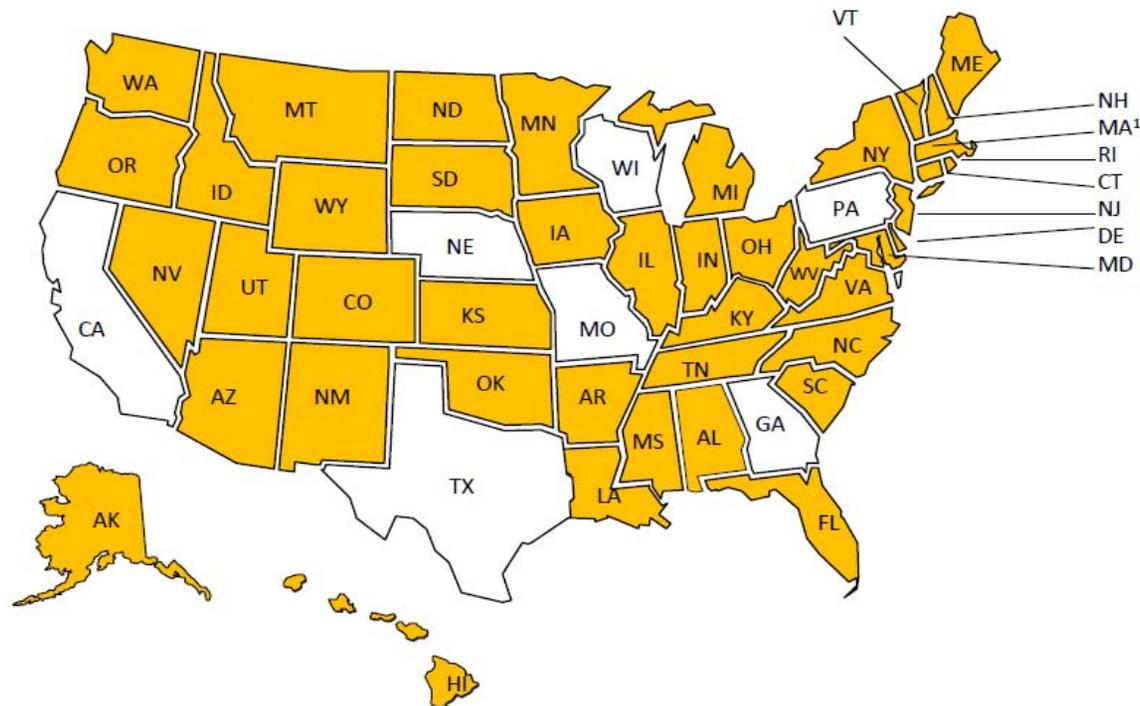
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# REPORTERS/DISPENSERS

- **Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances dispensed by:**
  - Retail pharmacies located in Iowa
  - Nonresident pharmacies dispensing controlled substances to patients located in Iowa (*eff. 1/1/13*)
- **Excludes**
  - Hospital inpatient and ER dispensing
  - Long-term care residents
  - Hospice facility residents
  - Prescriber dispensing

## States with Statutory Authority to Require Nonresident Pharmacies to Report to State PMP\*



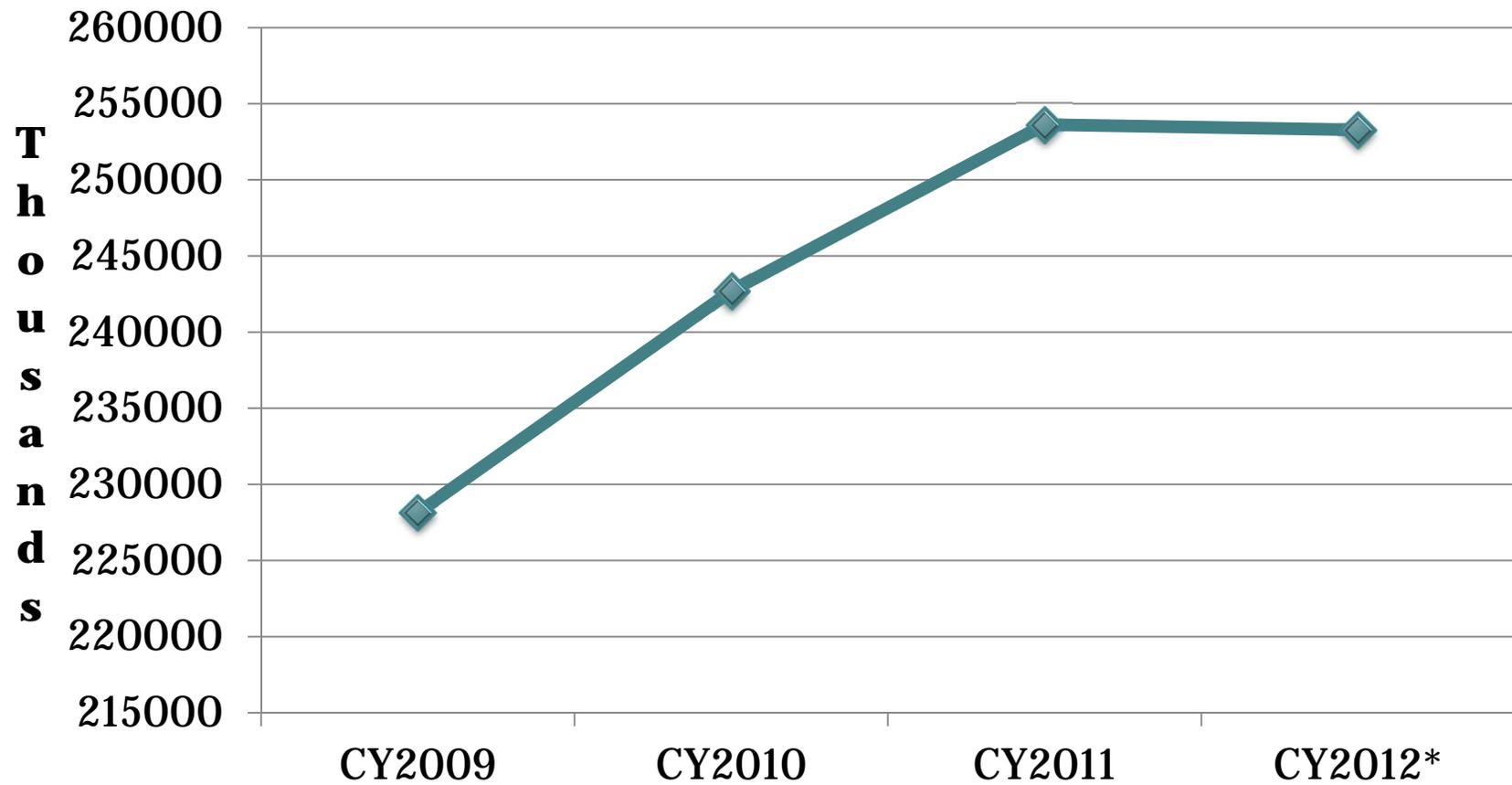
\* This map reflects those states with statutory authority to require nonresident pharmacies to report and does not reflect those states with such authority who are not actively collecting such data.

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts requires nonresident pharmacies to report to the state PMP, but does not require them to register or be licensed by the state.

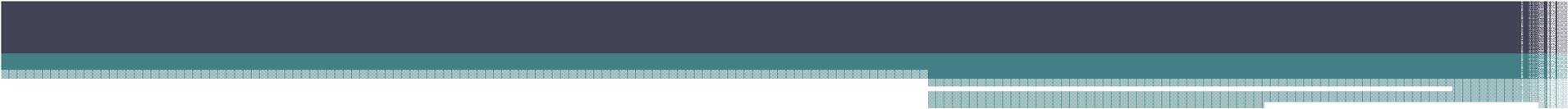
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# Rx's/DOSES DISPENSED



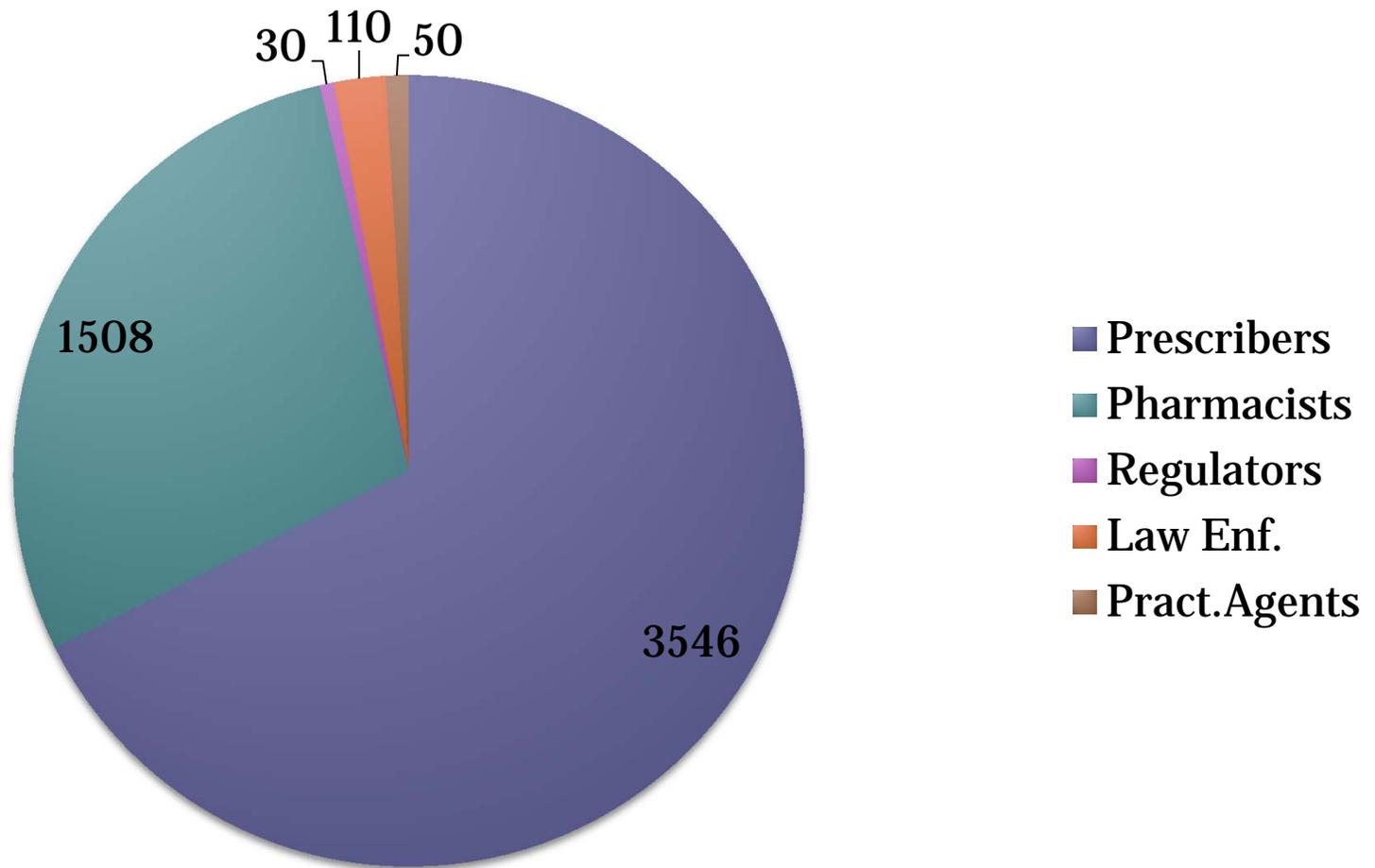
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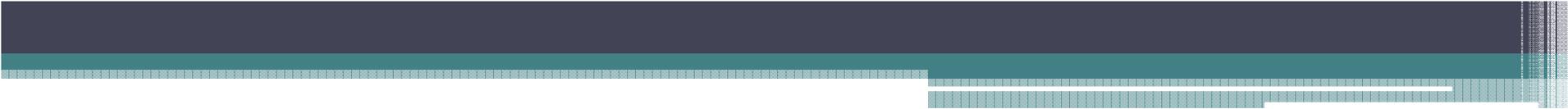


# AUTHORIZED USERS

- Prescribers – regarding their patients
- Pharmacists – regarding their patients
- Individual patients – regarding prescriptions dispensed to patient only
- Law enforcement agents – for specific investigation upon showing of probable cause
- Regulatory agents – for specific investigation upon showing of probable cause

# REGISTERED USERS

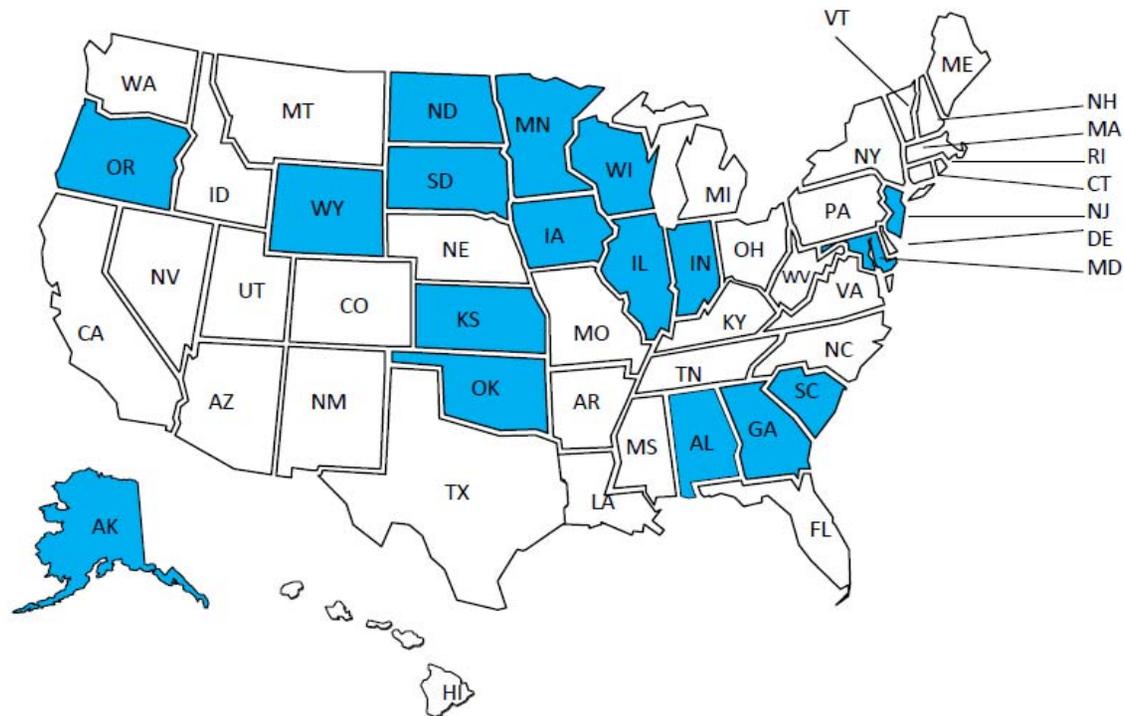




# ACCESS BY PRACTITIONERS

- Access to and use of program information by pharmacists and prescribers is totally voluntary
- Pharmacists and prescribers are NOT required to access the program to review a patient's controlled substances prescription history
- Pharmacists and prescribers cannot be held liable for using or for failing to use information available in the program

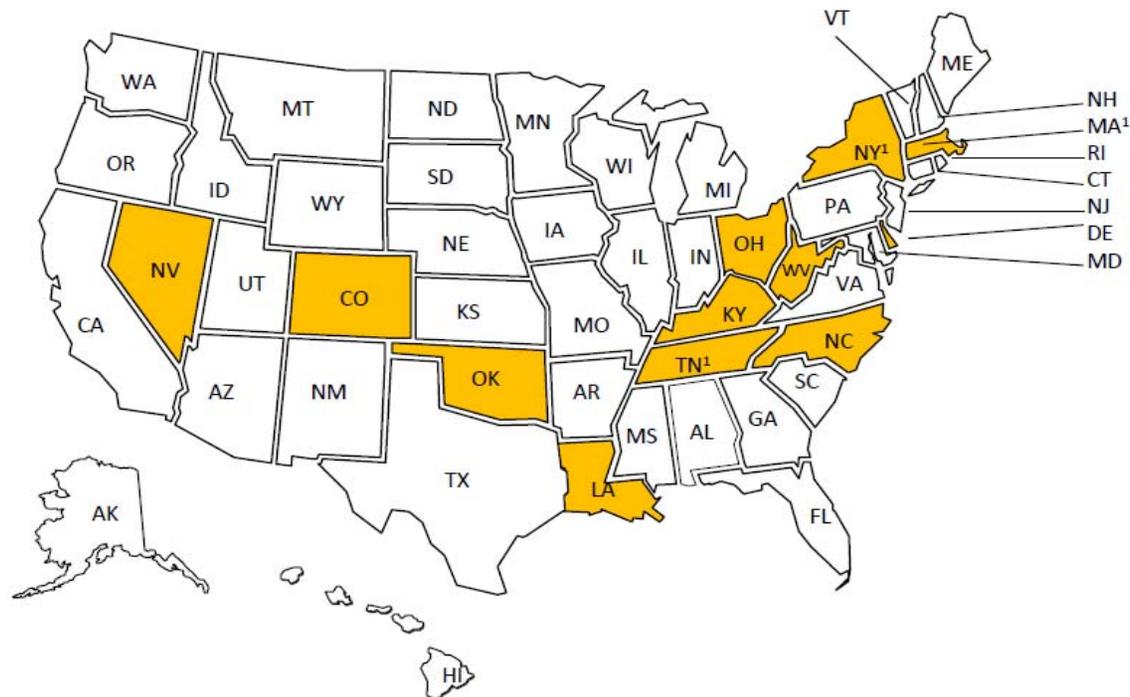
## State PMP Laws that Explicitly Do Not Require Prescribers or Dispensers to Access PMP Information



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## States that Require Prescribers and/or Dispensers to Access PMP Information in Certain Circumstances\*



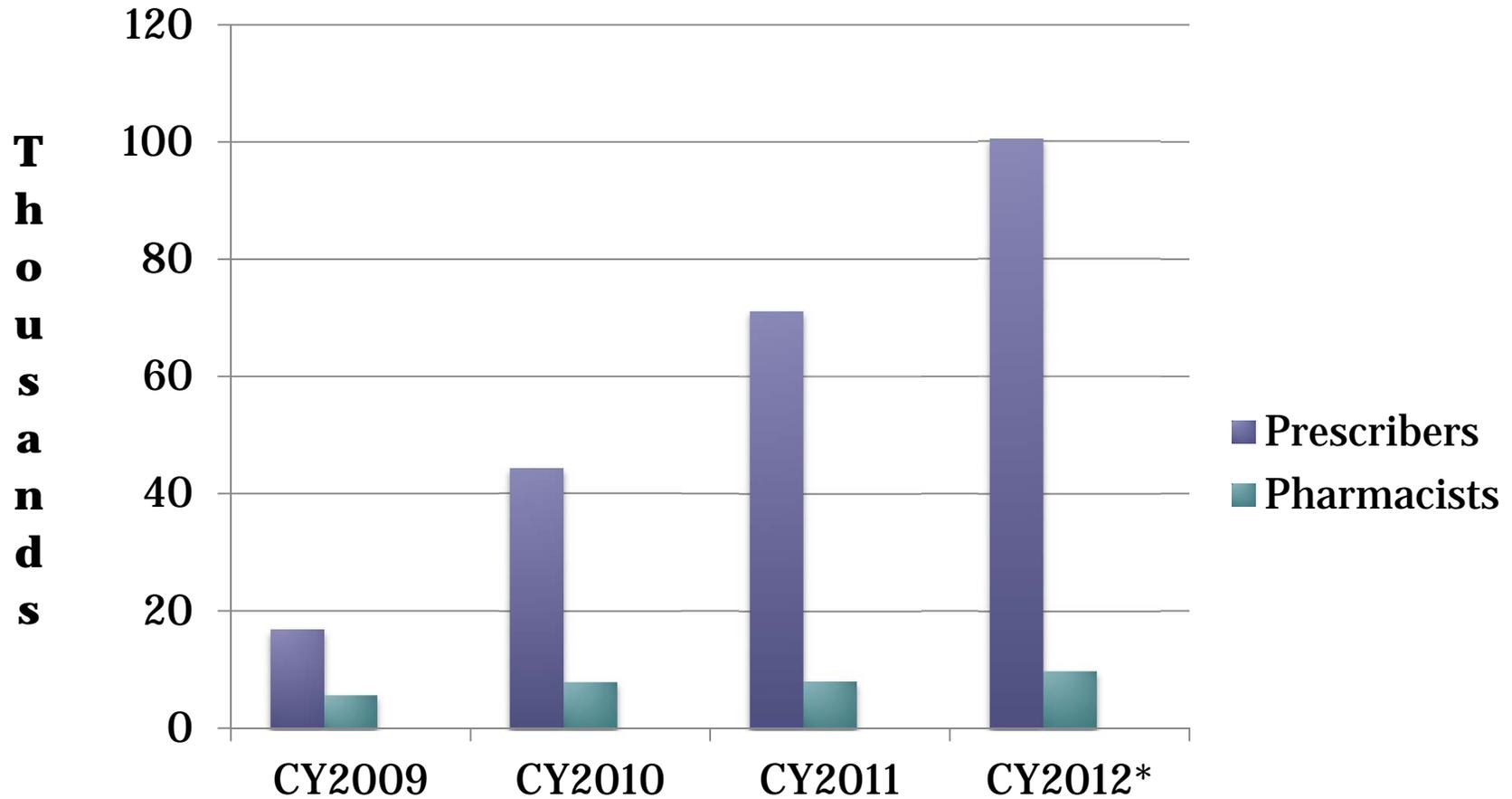
\* Please see the accompanying memorandum for specifics as to the circumstances under which a prescriber and/or dispenser is obligated to access the PMP database in each state.

<sup>1</sup> Parts of the Tennessee law go into effect on January 1, 2013, while other aspects go into effect on April 1, 2013. The New York law goes into effect on August 27, 2013. The Massachusetts provision goes into effect on January 1, 2013.

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# PRACTITIONER REQUESTS

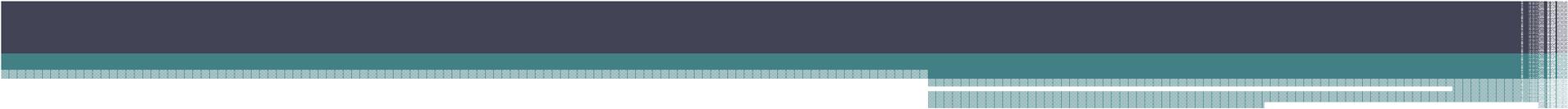


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# PRACTITIONER AGENTS

- Registered practitioner may designate agents to access program on behalf of practitioner
  - Health care professional (NOT office personnel)
  - No more than 3 agents per practitioner
  - Agent registers for each supervising practitioner
  - No limit on the number of supervising practitioners for whom an agent may register
  - Agent receives unique username and password
- 50 registered agents since 7/1/2012





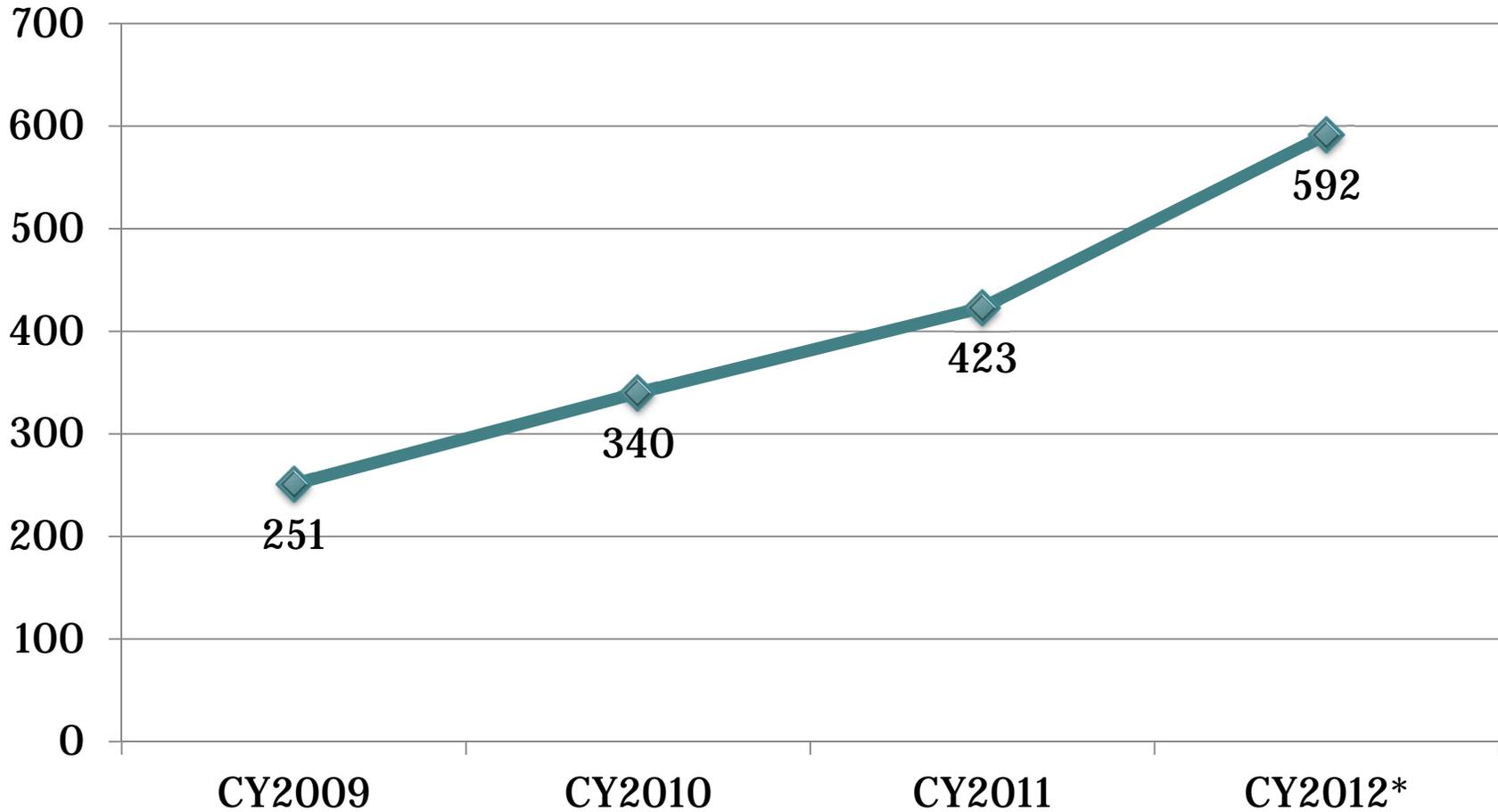
# CONFIDENTIALITY

- **All program information is privileged and strictly confidential**
  - Users may **NOT** share usernames and passwords
  - Practitioners may share information among other practitioners involved in the patient's treatment
  - Practitioners may only request information on current or prospective patients
  - Practitioner agents may only request information as directed by the supervising practitioner

## LAW ENFORCEMENT/REGULATORY AGENTS

- **Must register to access the program**
- **May only request program information by submitting subpoena, warrant, or court order**
  - Supported by a determination of probably cause
  - Restricted to a specific investigation of a specific individual
  - PMP reports should not be used as direct evidence in a criminal investigation – a tool to locate the dispensing pharmacy and original prescription

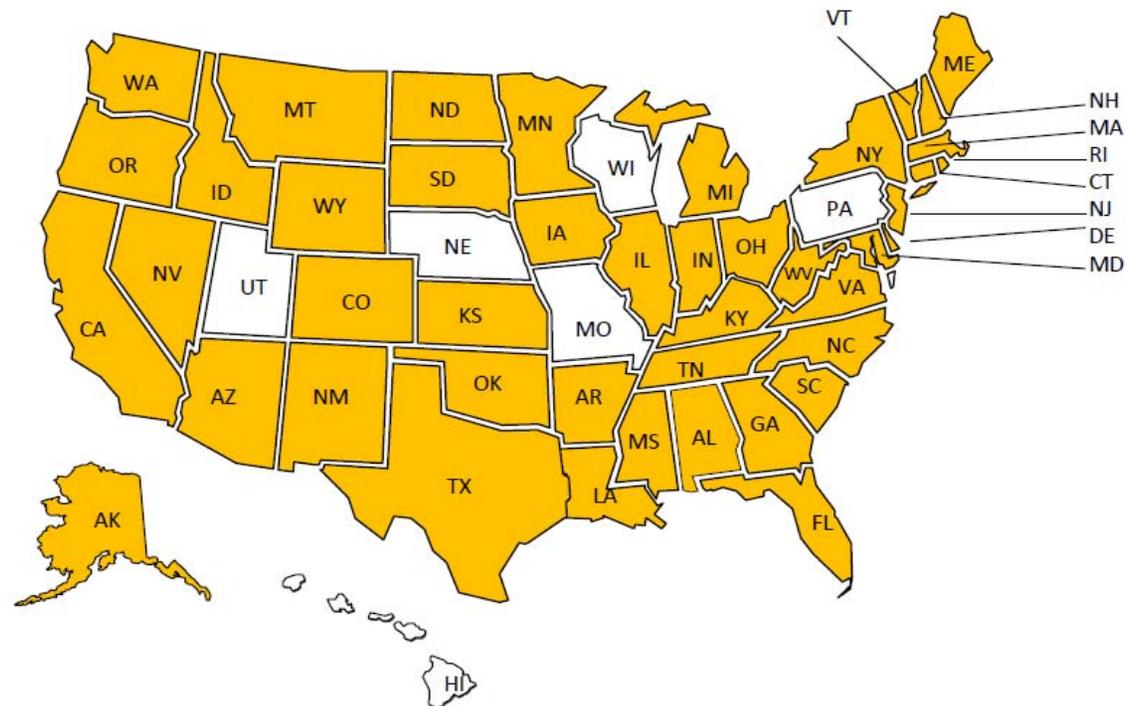
# LE/REGULATORY AGENT REQUESTS



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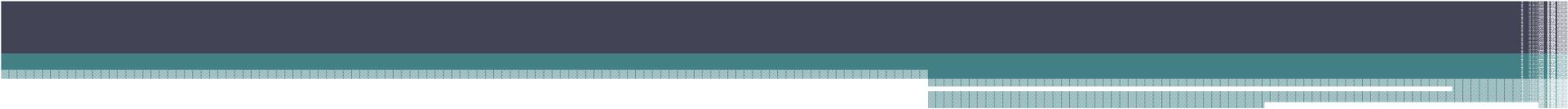
## States that Provide PMP Database Information to Licensing/Regulatory Boards



Please see the companion compilation of statutes and regulations on the NAMSDL website for more specific information.

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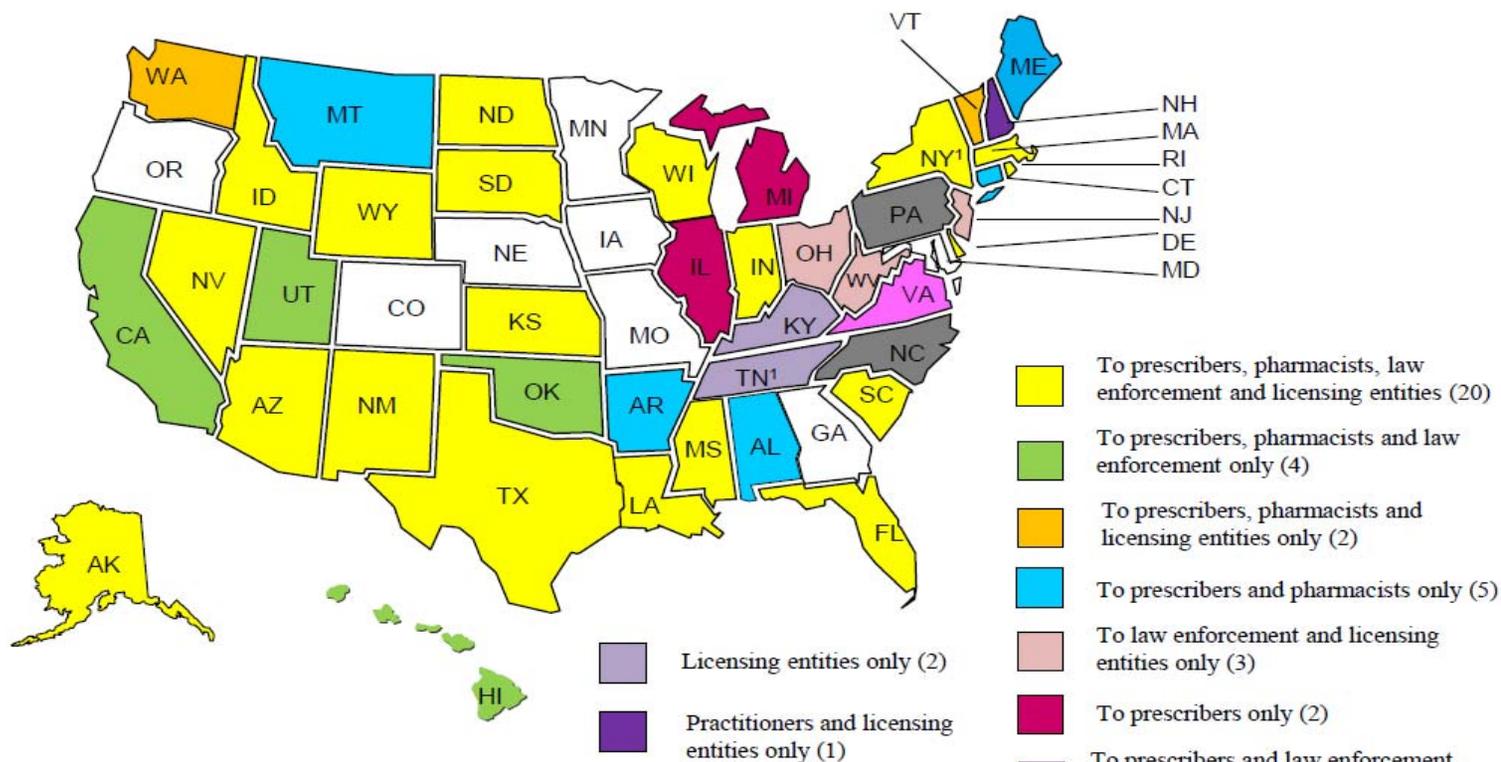
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# UNSOLICITED REPORTS

- **Generate and distribute reports to practitioners regarding the practitioners' patients**
  - Alert practitioners to abuse, misuse, or other potentially harmful patient activities
  - Thresholds to identify potential patient of concern
  - Another tool for Reducing abuse, diversion, doctor/pharmacy shopping, and addiction
- **Not authorized under Iowa Code**

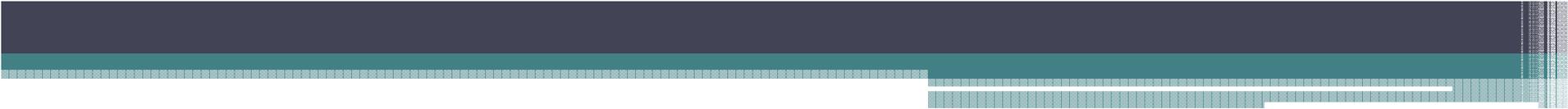
## Unsolicited PMP Reports to Prescribers, Pharmacists, Law Enforcement and Licensing Entities



<sup>1</sup> The New York provision goes into effect August 27, 2013. Until then, New York will provide unsolicited reports to prescribers only. The Tennessee provision goes into effect on January 1, 2013.

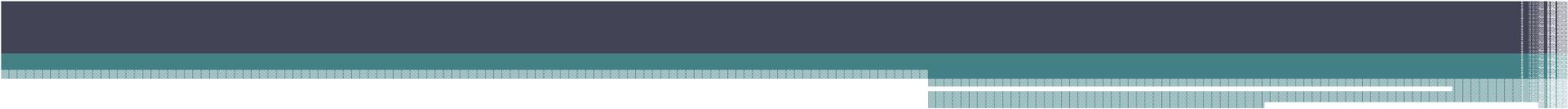
<sup>2</sup> North Carolina provides unsolicited reports to the Attorney General who has the discretion to forward the information to law enforcement.

<sup>3</sup> Michigan send alerts to physicians when a patient surpasses the threshold but does not send the actual report.



# CURRENT INITIATIVES

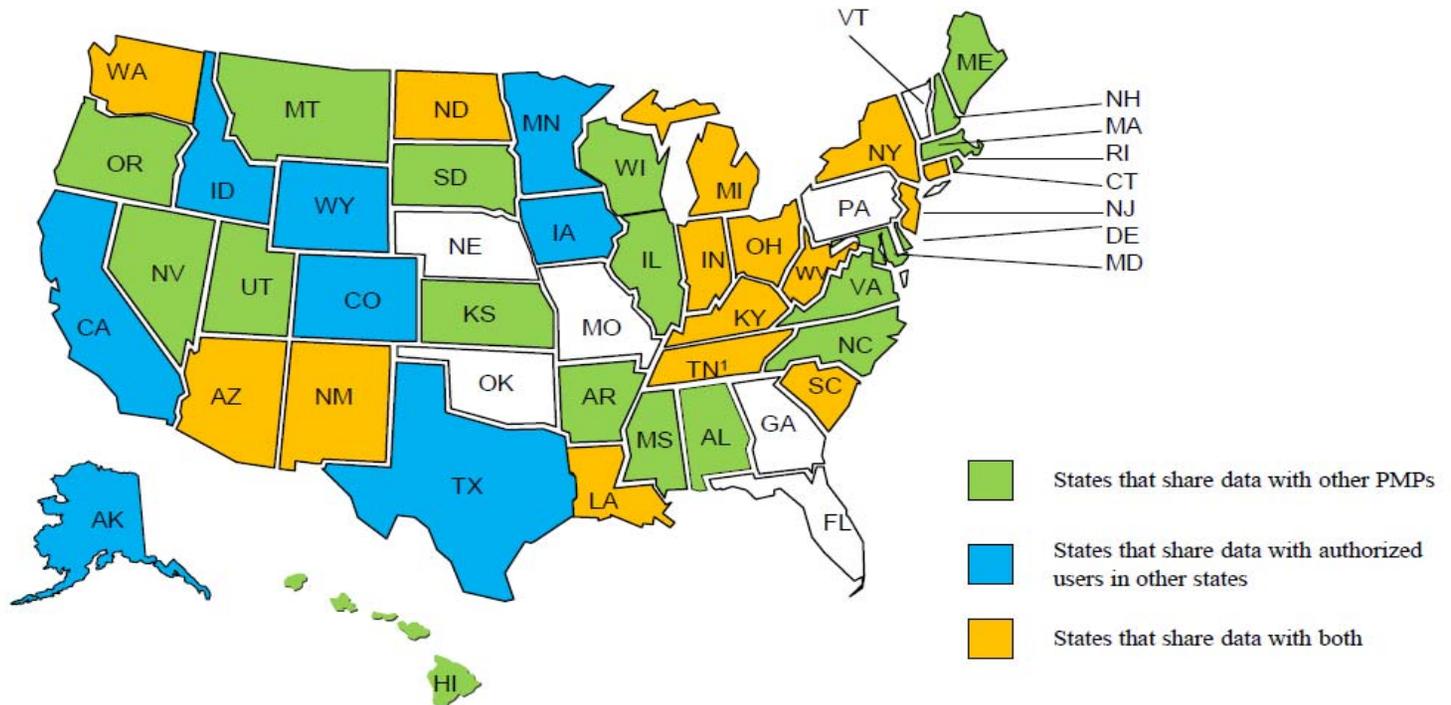
- **Web Center application upgrade (11/1/2012)**
  - Compatible with all major Internet browsers
  - Improve functionality including “saved queries”
  - Unassisted user lost password fix
  - Online help feature
- **Dispenser reporting enhancements (10/1/2012)**
  - Nonresident pharmacies report effective 1/1/2013
  - Dispensed prescriptions submitted weekly
  - Online data correction and resubmission



# LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE

- **Interstate PMP data exchange**
  - Iowa user requests data from Iowa PMP
  - User identifies other state programs that may have records for the subject of the request
  - PMP Interconnect queries the multiple states and returns patient records to Iowa PMP/Iowa user
  - Users of PMP Interconnect programs are not required to register with multiple states
- **2013 Pharmacy Board legislative proposal**

## Interstate Sharing of Prescription Monitoring Program Data Pursuant to Statute, Regulation, and/or Statutory Interpretation



<sup>1</sup> The Tennessee provisions become effective on January 1, 2013.



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