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Effective October 1, 2021, prescribers of controlled substances for MO HealthNet participants are required to check an available Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) prior to prescribing a controlled substance to the participant.

In the case that the prescriber is unable to check an available PDMP prior to prescribing a controlled substance the prescriber shall:

- Document such good faith effort, including why the prescriber was unable to perform such check, and
- Have said documentation available in the participant record to be submitted to the state upon request.

Pharmacy is provided to Managed Care participants through the Fee-for-Service delivery system. Prescribers for Managed Care participants must also follow this requirement.

For help accessing the PDMP please see the [St. Louis County PDMP registration guide](#).

If the prescriber's county does not have access to the St. Louis County PDMP this requirement does not apply.

Additional resources are available here:

<https://www.congress.gov/115/plaws/publ271/PLAW-115publ271.pdf>

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-12-31/pdf/2020-28567.pdf>

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The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

**Provider Communications Hotline  
573-751-2896**