FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: OARRS INTEGRATION

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On October 26, 2015, Governor Kasich announced an investment of up to $1.5 million a year to integrate the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) directly into electronic medical records and pharmacy dispensing systems across the state, allowing instant access for prescribers and pharmacists.

To assist hospitals, prescriber offices and pharmacies utilize this new integration service, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has created the following frequently asked questions document. Please review this document in its entirety. If you have any additional questions regarding OARRS integration, please email the Board at info@pharmacy.ohio.gov.

Q1) How do I begin the process of integrating my electronic medical record or pharmacy dispensing system?

To begin the process, you must complete and submit the *Integration Request Form* that is available on the Board's integration web page: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/integration. Upon completion of the form, you will receive additional information on next steps.

Q2) What product is being used to conduct the integration?

The State is utilizing an integration service called PMP Gateway® that is operated by Appriss. More information about the service can be accessed here: http://www.appriss.com/pmpgateway.html.

Q3) What is being provided as part of the integration service?

The agreement will cover the on-going maintenance fees for every Ohio prescriber and pharmacist connecting to OARRS via the PMP Gateway service. The agreement will also cover the cost of initial integration with the most widely utilized electronic health record and pharmacy system vendors operating in Ohio.

Q4) Is PMP Gateway the same as the NARxCHECK?

No. PMP Gateway is an integration service that instantly provides a patient's OARRS report within the electronic system used by the prescriber or pharmacist. NARxCHECK is a similar integration service offered by Appriss that also analyzes the data in OARRS. More information about NARxCHECK can be accessed here: http://www.appriss.com/narxcheck.html

Q5) Does the use of this integration service satisfy the mandatory requirements to review a patient's information in OARRS?

Yes. Please be advised that the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy requires Appriss to be able to provide the identification of the prescriber or pharmacist who accessed a patient's report. Therefore, use of this service satisfies the mandatory use requirements in the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code. Prescribers and pharmacists are strongly encouraged to have their own OARRS account in the event there is a disruption in the integration service.