If I only write a couple scripts per year, does this apply to me?

By Oklahoma law, it is mandatory that providers check the PMP prior to prescribing and every 180 days prior to authorizing refills for opiates, synthetic opiates, semi-synthetic opiates, benzodiazepine, or carisoprodol (exclusions for hospice or end-of-life, or patients residing in nursing facility). This applies whether you write one or several thousand scripts per year.

Do I need to check the PMP when discharging a patient from the hospital or emergency room?

If you are writing a prescription for opiates, synthetic opiates, semi-synthetic opiates, benzodiazepine, or carisoprodol at discharge from either event, you still need to check the PMP if it has been at least 180 days since you checked that patient.

What if I only see the patient one time as a courtesy because his/her physician was not available?

This patient is new to you. If you make the medical decision to write a prescription for one of the medications listed in the law, it is still your responsibility to check the PMP.

What if I stopped dispensing medication from my office so I would not have to do this?

Dispensing and writing prescriptions are two different activities. If you dispense from your office, you have to report Schedule II-V drugs to the PMP. If you have stopped dispensing, then you are probably writing the prescription and handing it to the patient to have it filled at a pharmacy. You still are required to check that patient in the PMP.

I do not have time to use the PMP; do I still have to register?

As long as you are not writing a prescription for opiates, synthetic opiates, semi-synthetic opiates, benzodiazepine, or carisoprodol, then you are not required to register.

What if I want to prescreen a potential new employee before I hire them?

Not allowed. That is considered misuse of the PMP and could cause you to lose your access. The PMP can be used to prescreen potential new patients. Providers must have established a physician/patient relationship prior to checking the PMP. Scheduling an appointment is considered establishing a physician/patient relationship.

* Oklahoma Statutes 63 O.S. § 2-309D (House Bill 1948)