

Oklahoma Pharmacy Board, Oklahoma Pharmacy Association and Pharmacies Selling PSE

As a reminder, the changes in state law effecting pseudoephedrine (PSE) sales went into effect on July 1, 2012. Beginning on August 2, 2012 the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN) began enforcing the new law through its Web based online Drug Tracking System. To ensure that everyone is aware of the changes, we have compiled an FAQ to help understand and comply with the new law.

1. How much PSE can a person buy at any given time?
 - 3.6 Grams every 72 hours
 - 7.2 Grams every 30 days
 - 60 Grams every year
2. What products must be reported?
 - Any product containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine including **tablets, capsules, gel-caps** and **liquids** must be reported. *This is a significant change as before July 1, 2012 only products containing pseudoephedrine in tablet and capsule form had to be reported. Liquids must be converted to grams.*
3. Do these changes effect prescriptions for PSE.
 - No
4. What is NPLEX?
 - NPLEX stands for the National Precursor Log Exchange and is sponsored by the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators through funding from distributors of PSE products. Appriss Technologies based in Kentucky administer the program. For more information, please see <http://nplexservice.com>
5. What are the advantages of NPLEX?
 - Because NPLEX has a presence in 22 states, including Kansas, Texas and Missouri, purchases can be tracked across state lines directly impacting the illegal diversion of PSE products. Reports are available to law enforcement personnel in all states using NPLEX for purchases made in Oklahoma.
6. When does NPLEX take full control of the Oklahoma PSE reporting system?
 - January 1, 2013
7. Can my pharmacy start using NPLEX before January 1, 2013?
 - Yes, please contact NPLEX or your software vendor to make the switch
8. Can we continue giving out OBN's toll free support number to customers?
 - Yes, until January 1, 2013. OBN personnel will continue supporting the existing system until NPLEX assumes control.
9. We are seeing a lot more purchases blocked then before. What are the main reasons?
 - The 60 gram yearly limit is having the greatest impact on blocked sales.