



House Committee of Health Care

900 Court St. NE, Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support of HB 2609: Dental Directors in the PDMP

March 12, 2019

Dear Members of the House Committee on Health Care,

The Oregon Dental Association (ODA), representing over 2,200 dentists across the state, fully supports HB 2609 which would add dental directors into the definition of providers who can access the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).

The PDMP is an important tool for providers to use in the treatment of their patients. Dental Directors play a critical leadership role in their offices and systems, and their access into the system may help facilitate increased provider usage of the PDMP. Medical and Pharmacy directors already have access to the system, it is important to extend the same tools to dental directors.

Not only could dental directors utilize the system during the treatment of their patients, their access can help ensure that providers working under their supervision are registered and using the system. Allowing dental directors access into the PDMP will improve collaboration between providers.

The ODA is committed to helping the profession do all we can to curb the opioid epidemic. To that end, we continue to utilize our internal resources to ensure our members are registered in the PDMP system. We look forward to partnering on other ideas to further the health of all Oregonians.

ODA encourages your support of House Bill 2609.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James McMahan DMD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James McMahan, DMD

President, Oregon Dental Association