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Recommendation Follow-up Report
Oregon Health Authority

Some Constraints Still Remain in Oregon's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program



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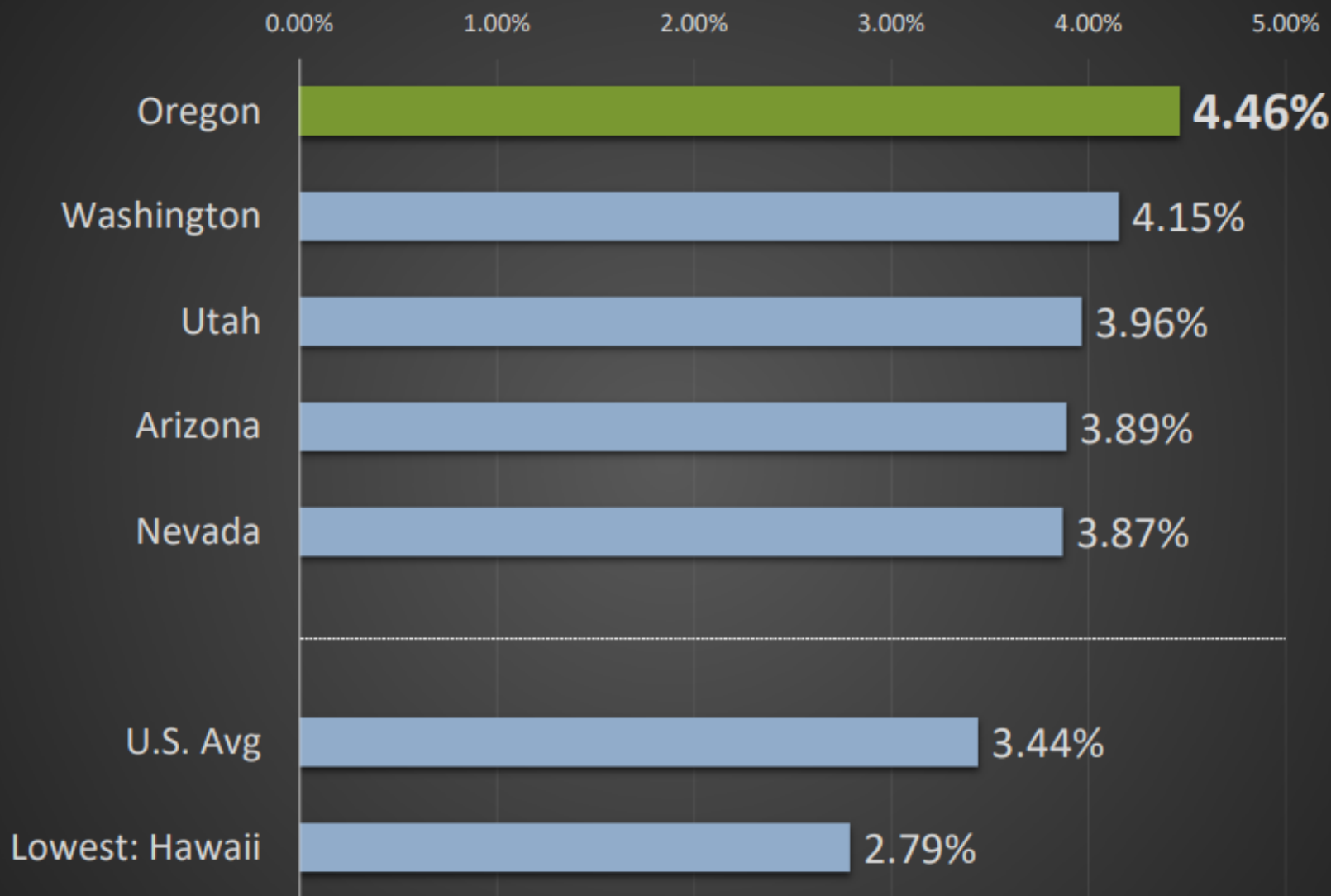
Rx Opioid misuse Past Year,

NSDUH December 2021 Report (2019-2020, n=135,000, ages 12 and older) U.S. State Rankings

Rx opioids

Oregon Ranks 1st

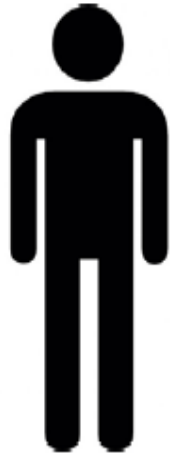
*Percent of
population
(teens & adults)
reporting past year
Rx opioid misuse*



Findings from Original Audit (#2018-40)

Figure 7: Individuals in potential doctor shopping cases far exceeded the average number of prescribers and pharmacies over three years

Average Person



Prescriptions from 2 prescribers
Prescriptions filled by 2 pharmacies

148 People in Our Analysis



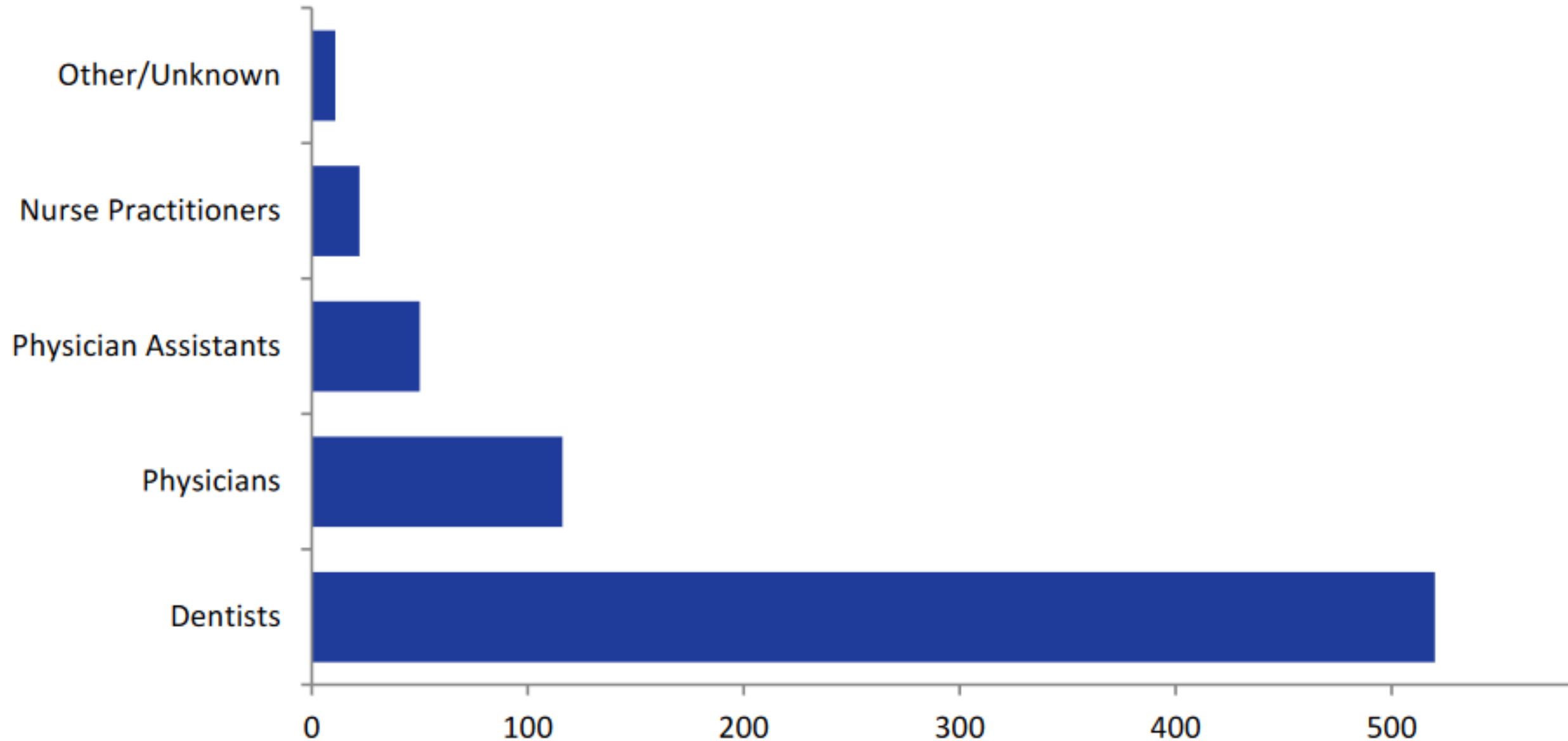
Prescriptions from 30 or more prescribers
Prescriptions filled by 15 or more pharmacies

Figure 8: The most egregious cases of potential doctor shopping saw hundreds of prescriptions filled

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4	Person 5
Total Opioid Prescriptions Filled	290	315	140	207	156
Most Frequent Drug(s)	Hydrocodone	Hydrocodone	Hydrocodone, Oxycodone	Hydrocodone	Hydrocodone, Oxycodone
Different Prescribers	232	207	102	98	80
Different Pharmacies	75	40	57	36	21
Other Information	32 opioid prescriptions paid by Medicaid	Prescription for buprenorphine in late 2017, indicating may have a substance abuse disorder	Prescription for buprenorphine in 2017, indicating may have a substance abuse disorder	N/A	N/A

Source: OAD analysis using PDMP data, calendar years 2015 through 2017, provided by OHA PDMP staff.

Figure 9: Dentists prescribed most of the opioids in our five cases of potential doctor shopping

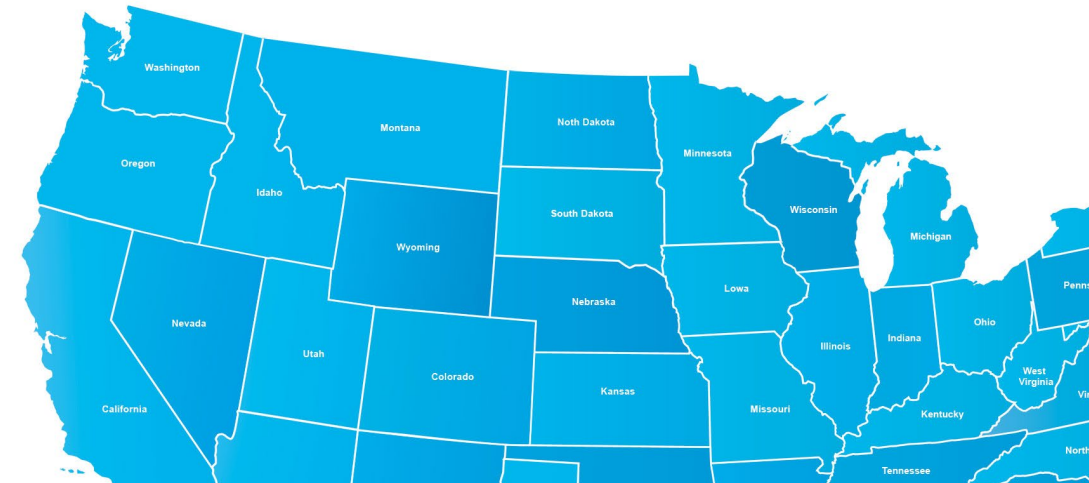


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Oregon has one of the weakest PDMP programs

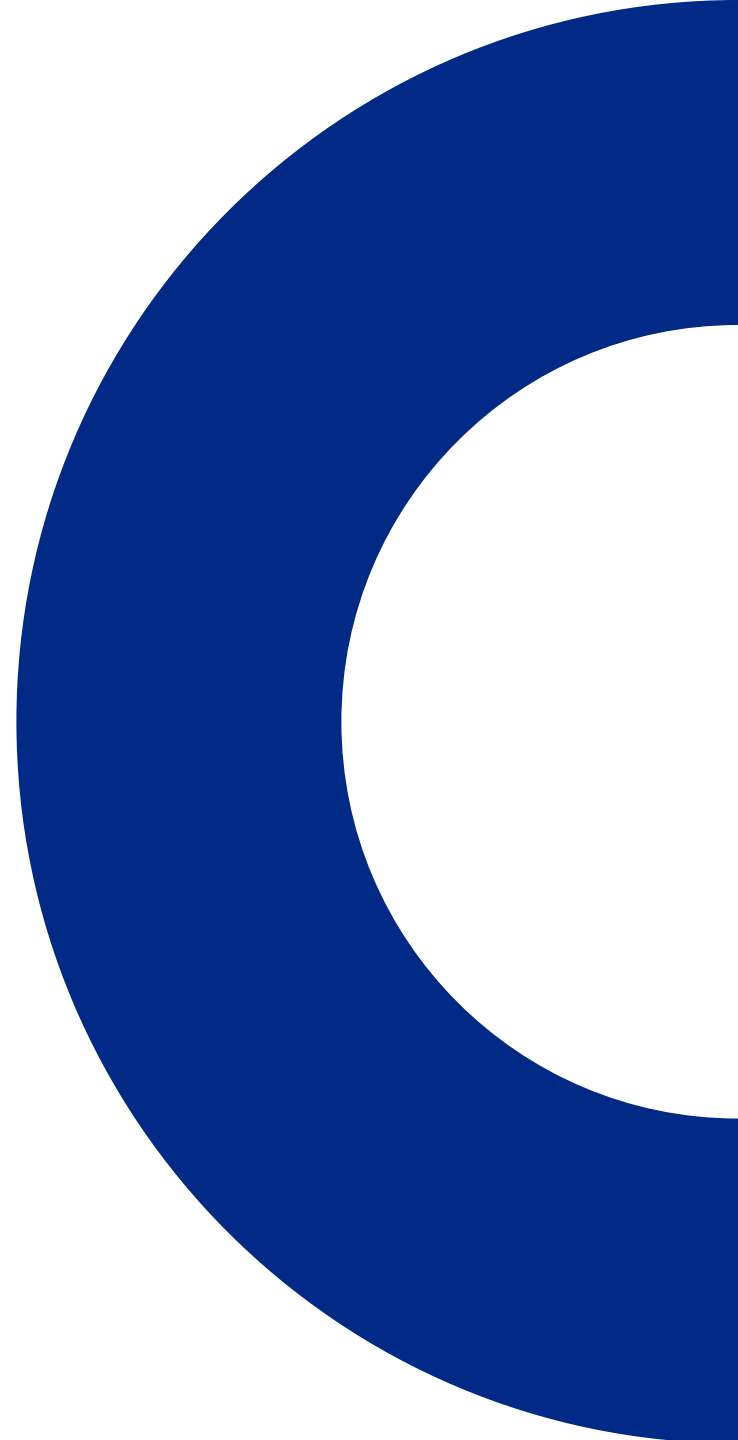


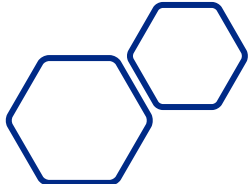
Audit Recommendations Based on Leading Practices Adopted in Other States



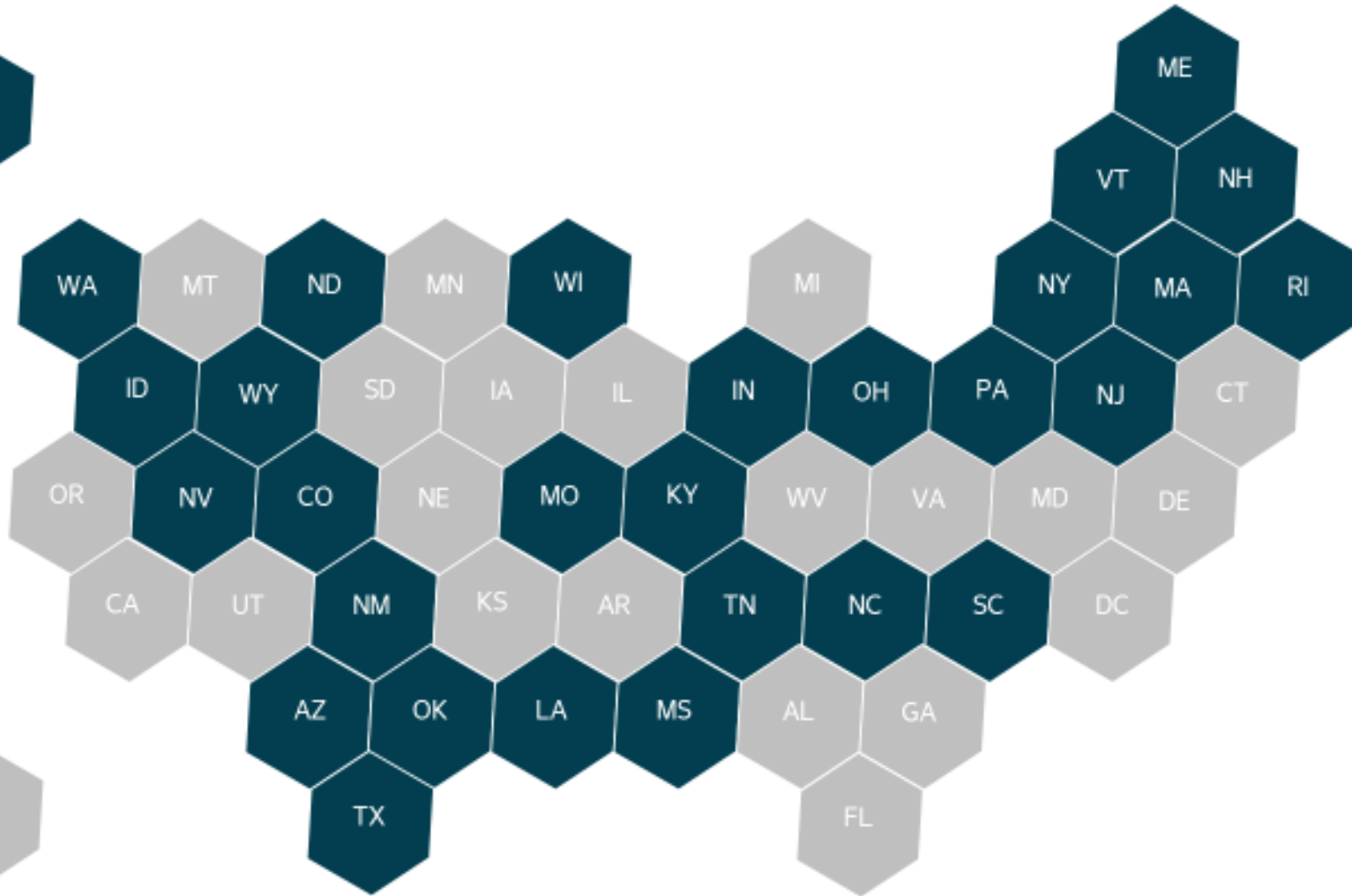
Summary of recommendation status

- OHA has fully implemented **4** recommendations and partially implemented **1** recommendation
- The Legislature has partially implemented **2** recommendations, but not yet acted on **5** recommendations
- The detailed status of each recommendation can be found in [OAD Report 2022-17](#)




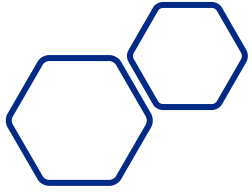


Oregon Should Provide Suspicious Prescriber Reports to Licensing Boards

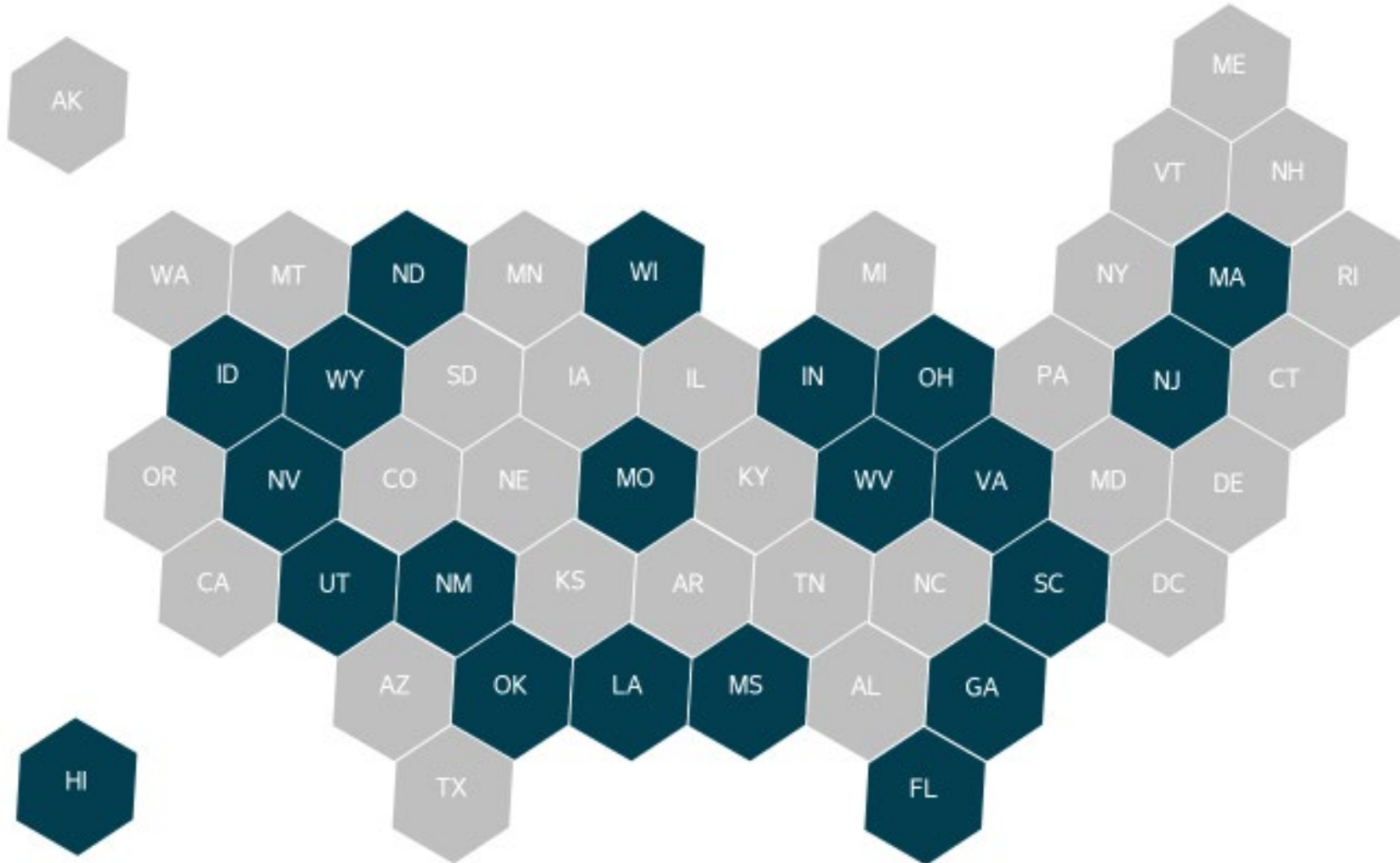


29 states have adopted this practice

 **Unsolicited reports to regulatory/licensing boards**

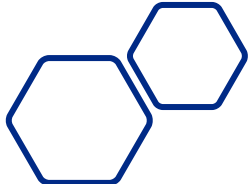


Oregon Should Grant Law Enforcement Access to Suspicious Prescriber Reports

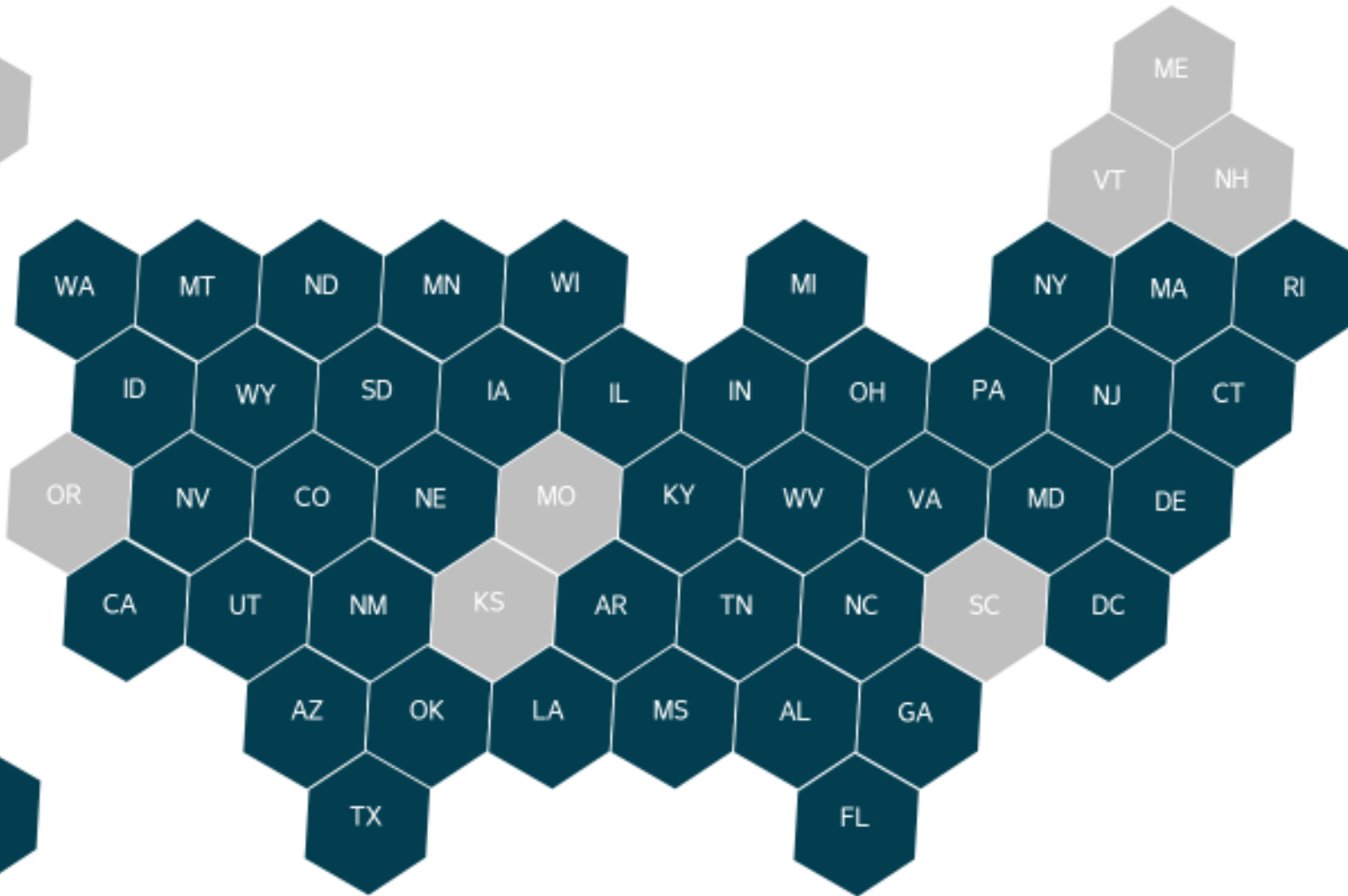


21 states have adopted this practice

 Law enforcement access



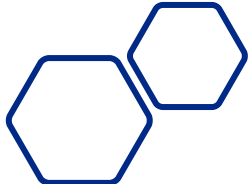
Oregon Should Capture Schedule V Controlled Substances in PDMP



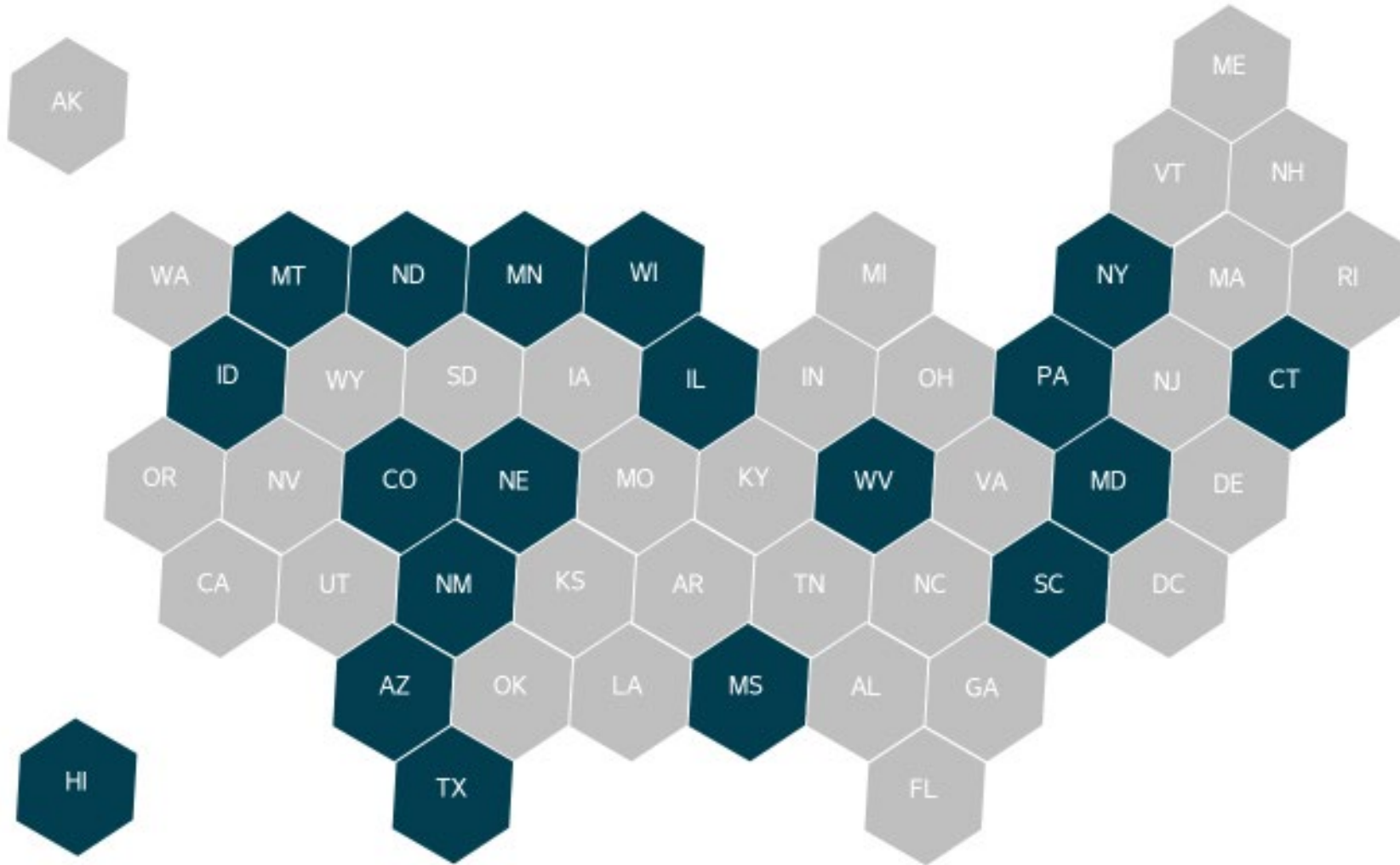
42 states have adopted this practice



Schedules II-V

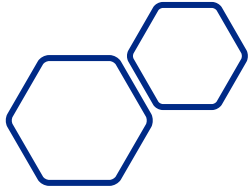


Oregon Should Capture Information from Long Term Care Pharmacies

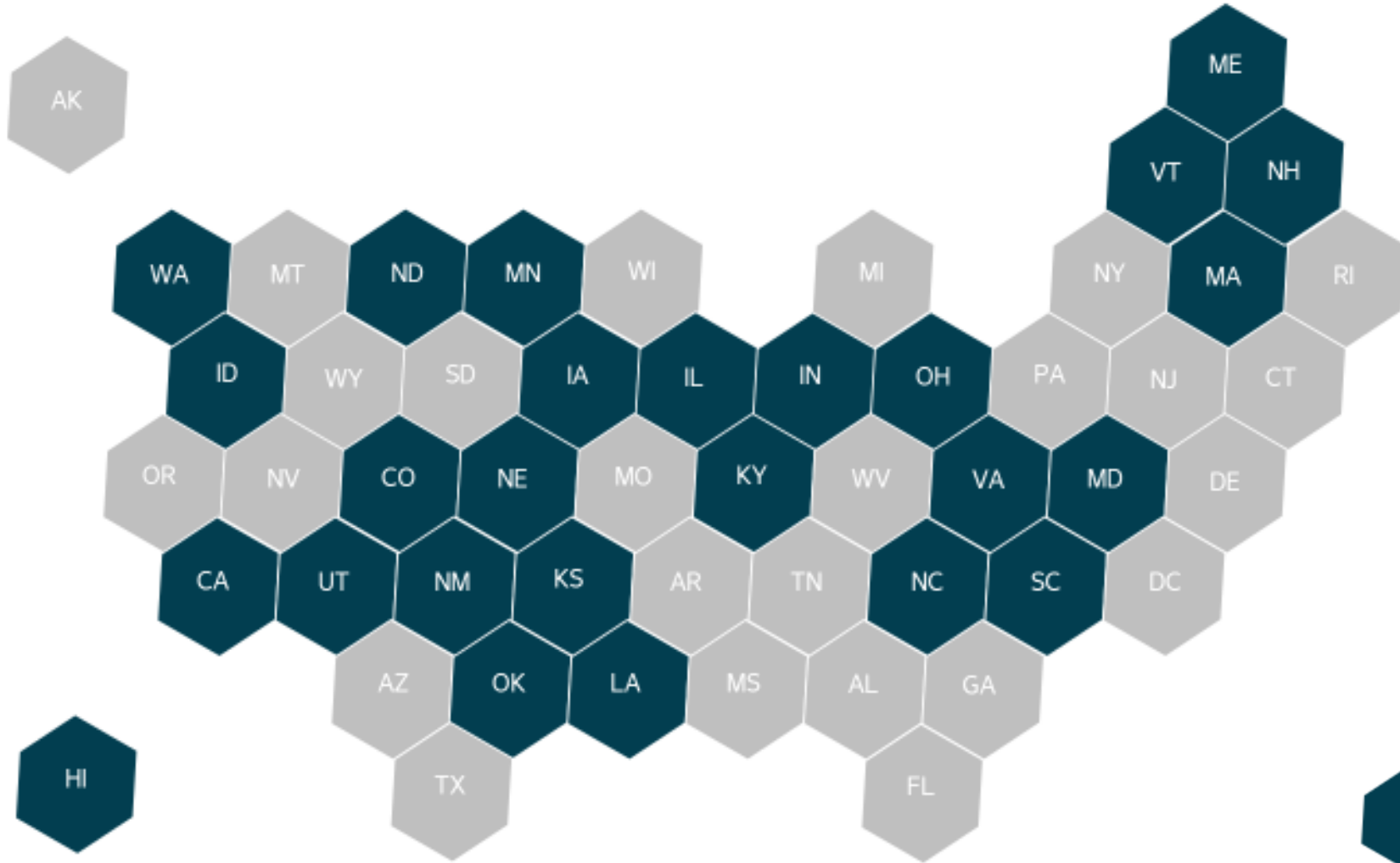


19 states have adopted this practice

 **LTC Facility Pharmacy**



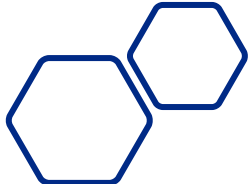
Oregon Should Capture Information from Veteran's Administration Pharmacies



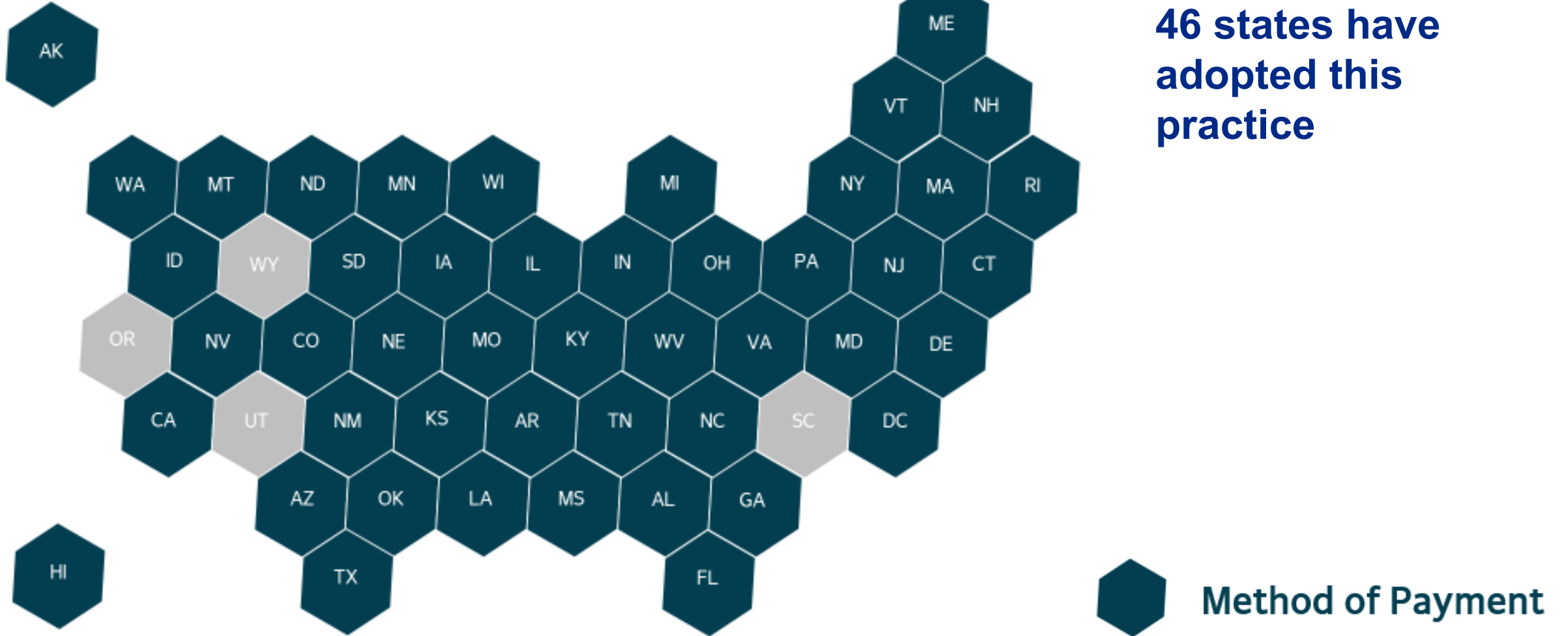
25 states have adopted this practice



Veteran's Administration



Oregon Should Capture Method of Payment in PDMP



Oregon Should Capture Prescriptions Prescribed by Veterinarians

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People deliberately harm pets to get prescriptions for opioids

by: Dan Daru

21 states have adopted this practice



State	Prescriber Report Cards?	Mandatory Use for Prescribers?	Law Enforcement Access During an Active Investigation?	Unsolicited Reports Sent to Prescribers?	Pharmacy Data Collected within 24 Hours or Next Day?	Veterinarian Data Collected?	Schedule V Collected?	Method of Payment Collected?
Oregon								
California		●	●	●		●		●
Colorado	●	●			●		●	●
Idaho	●		●	●	●		●	●
Nevada	●	●	●	●	●			●
Washington	●	●	●		●	●	●	●

Source: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Training and Technical Assistance Center, Brandeis University.

QUESTIONS?

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Key Recommendation

To promote public health and safety and fight the ongoing Opioid epidemic, update statutes to allow for leading PDMP practices adopted in other states