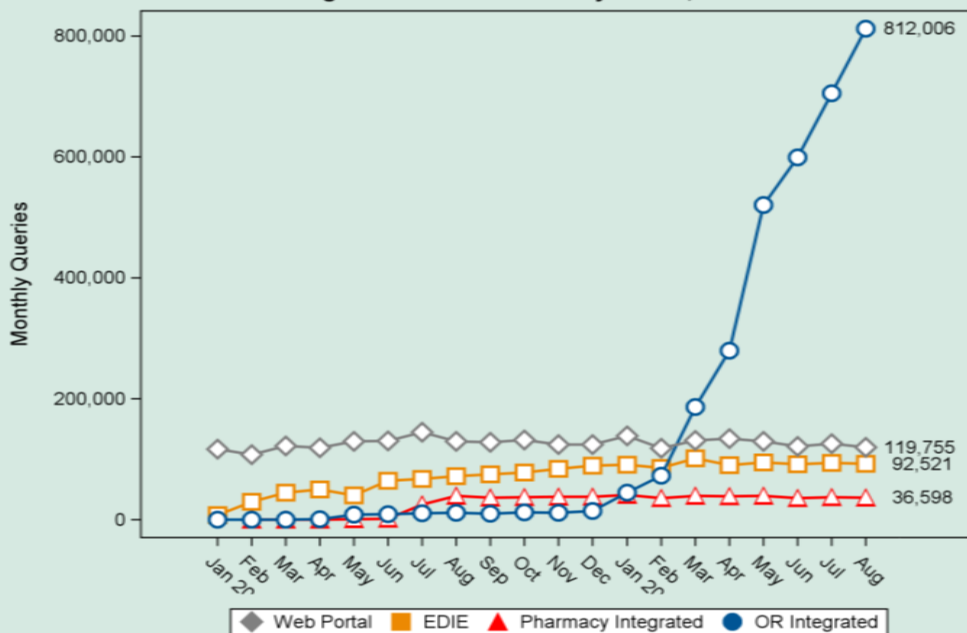


Restore \$1.27 million to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program for EHR Integrations

Overdose deaths in Oregon have risen by at least 216% since 2019—and fentanyl-related overdose deaths by 600%.¹ Public and private health care stakeholders have made significant investments since 2016 to leverage statewide integration of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) into clinic and health system electronic health records (EHRs). This highly important information, which is collected by statute by the Public Health Division of the Oregon Health Authority, is used at the point of care by physicians to ensure that patients are not receiving unnecessary prescriptions for opioids and other narcotics, helping to prevent drug addiction and overdose. As seen in Figure 1 below, **EHR integration of the PDMP has greatly increased access to this information in Oregon.**

Currently, the PDMP program does not have sufficient budget to sustain this important EHR integration service for the 23-25 biennium, leading to significant risk that **over 1,300 existing EHR integrations will be at risk of termination.** This integration service should be considered “core” to the operations of the PDMP program to ensure its proper use by providers within their workflow and state funding should be allocated to ensure optimal federal match funding.

Figure 1. PDMP Queries by Month, 2018-2019



Damage from Not Funding this Program:

- Wasteful elimination of PDMP integration for over 1,300 health care facilities, accessed currently by over 19,000 providers statewide
- Increases the risk that individuals suffering from substance use disorder will receive unnecessary prescriptions for opioids and other narcotics, **potentially furthering the substance use disorder crisis and increasing overdose rates**
- Destabilizes the public/private health IT infrastructure in place since 2016

Impacts

47% decrease

in high-dose opioid prescribing in part due to PDMP integration with EHRs and with the Emergency Department Information Exchange (EDIE)³

80% of queries

to the PDMP are driven by EHR integration as opposed to direct access to the PDMP web portal, or other sources³

55% decrease

in individuals receiving overlapping opioid and benzodiazepine prescriptions²

1,300+ facilities

leverage PDMP integration directly in their clinical workflow³

Why Maintaining PDMP EHR Integrations Matters:

Eligible for 45/55 Federal Matching Funds

Addresses an Important Public Health Crisis

- During COVID-19, the existing opioid epidemic continued to impact the people of Oregon. From 2019 to 2021, unintentional overdose of opioids, including fentanyl and heroin, increased by 164%.¹ It is critical to maintain PDMP-informed prescribing practices by physicians for the patients they serve to prevent further dependency on opioids, curb additional overdose events, and relieve burden on an already stressed behavioral health community.
- Addressing overdose risk also impacts health disparities in Oregon. In 2020, the risk for unintentional drug overdose death was highest among people who are American Indian and Alaska Native, Black men, and people experiencing homelessness. The lowest risk was among people of Hispanic ethnicity and people who are non-Hispanic Asian and/or Pacific Islander.⁴

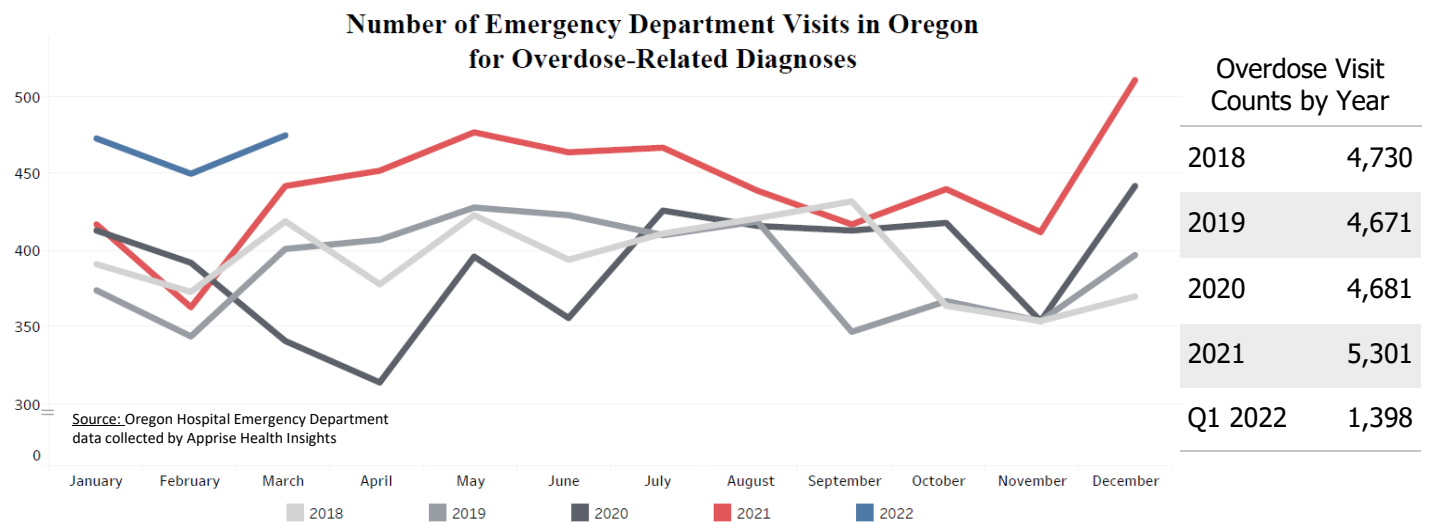
Supports State Priorities

- OHA is infusing \$700 million+ in behavioral health transformation investments and services, including over \$300 million in Addiction and Recovery Services from Ballot Measure 110. OHA requires prescribing providers to have an active registration to the PDMP.
- Overdose events in Emergency Departments have been increasing statewide since 2021. The PDMP is an important tool used by providers at the point of care to reduce repeat overdose events and identify patients who need substance use disorder treatment. It is critical to maintain integrated tools for providers in busy Emergency Departments.

Promotes Aligned Health Information Exchange

- The integration of PDMP data directly into providers' EHRs is one of Oregon's health technology success stories. Over 300 provider organizations (representing over 1,300 unique facilities) have signed up for this integration since its inception in 2016 and the state has sponsored this access through a single statewide contract with the PDMP vendor Bamboo Health.
- If this program cannot be maintained, all of these integrations are at risk of being terminated, and new integrations would need to be built, funded, and supported through other mechanisms, leading to inconsistency in how providers access the PDMP.
- The PDMP integration program aligns with the state's priorities around increasing interoperability and leveraging existing technology and data assets to better serve the people of Oregon.

Overdoses continue to rise.⁵ We must maintain PDMP Integration for providers.



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