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LIBERTY, Mo. – March 5, 2018 – The [Prescription Drug Monitoring Program \(PDMP\)](#) monitors the prescribing and dispensing of schedule II-IV controlled substances to assist in the identification and prevention of prescription drug misuse and abuse. To assist providers across the metro area to participate in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, Clay County, Kansas City, Jackson County and the City of Independence subscribe to the software PMP Aware.

PMP Aware is a HIPAA compliant secure software network that is able to provide valuable information to health care professionals concerning controlled substance prescription history. Currently, medical providers may register for access individually. However, in order to increase the number of providers using PMP Aware, the software provider for the PDMP is offering a one-time opportunity to mass register multiple providers at once. In March, office managers, the credentialing department or an appropriate designee can submit registration information for multiple providers at once.

This is an incredible opportunity for providers in the Kansas City area to help prevent further opioid misuse and death during the current epidemic. The Kansas City metro area has a higher than average drug overdose death rate compared to the national average at 14.4 people per 100,000. Providers signed up through mass registration will be processed in April with users receiving the login and access in June.

More information for healthcare workers about the mass registration process is on Clay County Public Health Center's [website](#).

About Clay County Public Health Center

Created in 1953, the Clay County Public Health Center is a nationally accredited local public health department protecting the health of all people in the county by implementing population based prevention programs and services. This community approach to wellness not only prevents the spread of disease but also provides wellness education to empower people to make healthy choices. To learn more, visit www.clayhealth.com.

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The mission of the Clay County Public Health Center is to deliver the essential public health services of prevention, promotion and protection to the communities of Clay County.