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## Frequently Asked Questions regarding the use of INSPECT for Veterinarians

### Reviewing an INSPECT Record:

*Q: Are veterinarians practicing in an emergency room setting or providing hospitalized services currently required to perform a mandatory review of a patient's INSPECT record?*

A: The language enrolled in SEA 221-2018 specifically requires a practitioner to perform a mandatory review of a patient's INSPECT record when prescribing an opioid or benzodiazepine if the practitioner is located a pain management clinic or the emergency room of a hospital which is licensed under IC 16-21 by the Indiana Department of Health. Most veterinary offices, facilities, and hospitals are not licensed hospitals by the Indiana Department of Health and therefore do not fall within this requirement.

However, all veterinarians who also hold a controlled substance registration (CSR) must be registered for an INSPECT account. To register for an INSPECT account please visit here:

<https://www.in.gov/pla/inspect/2381.htm>

As of **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**, all practitioners, including veterinarians, who wish to prescribe an opioid or benzodiazepine must review a patient's INSPECT report before prescribing. To learn more about how to query a patient or animal, please visit here:

[Link to video/tutorial forthcoming](#)

### Reporting dispensations to the INSPECT program:

*Q: What do veterinarian's need to report to INSPECT? Does the office need to report when there is no dispensation and is zero reporting?*

A: All veterinarian offices, hospitals, and facilities must report all dispensations of a controlled substance for a dosage which exceeds 72-hours for a patient. This dispensation must be reported to INSPECT within 24-hours or by the next business day.

The learn how to report to the INSPECT Clearinghouse, please visit here:

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If an office, hospital, or facility does not dispense a controlled substance during the 24-hour reporting period, the office, hospital or facility still needs to report to the INSPECT system that it did NOT dispense. This is called zero-reporting. To learn how to zero report to INSPECT, please visit here:

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*Q: Are veterinarian offices, facilities, or hospitals exempt from reporting dispensations within 24-hours? How does Zero reporting work?*

A: Per the above, veterinarian hospitals are *not* licensed by the Indiana Department of Health under IC 16-21. Therefore, veterinarian facilities are NOT exempt from reporting dispensations or reporting zero dispensations within 24-hours or before the next business day.

All veterinarian facilities must report all dispensations of a controlled substance over 72-hours or zero dispensations within 24-hours or by the next business day.

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*Q: How do we report to INSPECT if no one officially “owns” the animal? For example, the dispensation is provided to an animal shelter?*

A: INSPECT and IPLA staff are currently reviewing statutes and procedures for implementation when generally accepted reporting requirements are not applicable in specific scenarios. At this time, to be in compliance, we ask the person who is taking possession of the controlled substance be reported as the recipient until such time as we can provide alternatives which may resolve the conflict.

*Q: What do we do if there is no facility DEA number to use when reporting a dispensation to the PMP Clearinghouse?*

A: A facility DEA is not necessarily required to report to the PMP Clearinghouse. In many cases, especially in the area of veterinary medicine, a dispensation will be reported under the practice owner’s DEA number. A dispensation should be recorded in the PMP Clearinghouse through the account tied with the DEA number which orders controlled substances for a practice or facility.

**Recording information for picking up controlled substances:**

*Where do offices record information for people picking up controlled substances? Is it the office's responsibility to keep track of who picks up controlled substances? Is just putting it in the patient record sufficient?*

In accordance with state law, identification information for individuals who pick up controlled substances must be submitted electronically to INSPECT through the INSPECT Clearinghouse. The dispensation, including the identifying information for the individual picking up the controlled substance, must be submitted to INSPECT within 24-hours or the next business day. For more information and a tutorial on how to report to the INSPECT Clearinghouse, please visit:

[Link to video/tutorial forthcoming](#)

Only putting the above information in a patient record is not sufficient for compliance with state law.

### **Is a minor allowed to pick up a controlled substance prescription if they have a Driver's License Number or state identification?**

In accordance with IC 35-48-7-7, "recipient representative" refers to an individual to whom a controlled substance is dispensed if the recipient is either less than 18 years of age or unavailable to receive the controlled substance. Therefore, a controlled substance is dispensed only to a recipient who is over 18 years of age.