



News Now

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>>> ProComp Electronic Health Record Users Can Instantly Access the State's Prescription Monitoring Program

In its on-going effort to combat prescription drug abuse, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy announced that ProComp Software has successfully completed direct integration with the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS). By integrating directly with OARRS, prescribers using this electronic health record system now have instant access to a patient's controlled substance history without having to log-in to a separate system. This integration will cover clinicians at 30 Ohio substance abuse treatment centers as well as behavioral health clinics located in 42 Ohio counties. Last October, Governor Kasich announced an investment of up to \$1.5 million a year to integrate the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) directly into electronic medical records and pharmacy dispensing systems across the state. For more information on this initiative, please visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/integration.

>>> Attorney General Announces Extension of Naloxone Rebate Agreement

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced today that a rebate agreement that has saved agencies thousands of dollars on the cost of the opioid reversal medication naloxone is being extended for one year. The renewed agreement with Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. will allow non-federal public entities in Ohio to continue receiving a \$6 rebate for each Amphastar naloxone syringe purchased until March 2, 2017. So far, nearly 60 Ohio agencies have applied for more than \$151,000 in rebates to offset the cost of the life-saving drug. When given to a person overdosing on heroin or a prescription opioid, naloxone can limit or stop the overdose by reversing the effects of the opioid on the brain. According to the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS, current data available shows naloxone was administered more than 16,000 times in Ohio in 2015. For information on how to apply for the rebates visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/NaloxoneRebate.

>>> Ohio for Responsible Gambling "Be the 95%" Campaign Website Wins Award

Among a pool of nearly 500 entries, Origo Branding Co, won a Silver ADDY award for the "Responsive Design Web Category", recognizing their work for <http://www.the95percent.org>. Through a partnership with Ohio for Responsible Gambling, which includes the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Ohio Casino Control Commission and the

Ohio Lottery Commission, Origo developed the “Be the 95%” campaign and website to drive families, professionals and other state groups to resources available to educate and assist with problem gambling prevention and treatment. Through creative and fun, interactive web features, the site is able to effectively encourage users to:

- Take a quiz, gauging their gambling behaviors and direct them to important resources.
- Access helpful resources, videos, and tips to promote responsible gambling and prevent risky behaviors.
- Promote helpline information and other resources to prevent/treat problem gambling.

The campaign is promoting positive behavioral change throughout Ohio.



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2.28.16 | *Toledo Blade (Editorial)* [Getting schooled on addiction](#)

2.28.16 | *Hamilton Journal-News* [Gambling addiction sees slight increase in Ohio](#)

2.26.16 | *Aurora Advocate* [State officials work to send addicts to treatment rather than crowded prisons](#)

2.25.16 | *Findlay Courier (Editorial)* [Our addictions](#)

2.24.16 | WKBN-TV [Mahoning Co. Court, Local Agencies Work to Tackle Mental Illness](#)

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