



Frequently Asked Questions: OARRS Integration

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The State of Ohio offers no-cost integration of the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) directly into electronic medical records and pharmacy dispensing systems across the state, allowing instant access for prescribers and pharmacists.

To assist hospitals, prescriber offices and pharmacies in using this integration service, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has created the following frequently asked questions document. Please review this document in its entirety. If you have any additional questions regarding OARRS integration, please email the Board at info@pharmacy.ohio.gov.

Q1) How do I begin the process of integrating my electronic medical record or pharmacy dispensing system?

To begin the process, you must complete and submit the *Integration Request Form* that is available on the Board's integration web page: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/integration. Upon completion of the form, you will receive additional information on next steps.

Q2) What product is being used to conduct the integration?

The State is utilizing an integration service called PMP Gateway® that is operated by Appriss. More information about the service can be accessed here: <http://www.appriss.com/pmpgateway.html>.

Q3) What is being provided as part of the integration service?

The agreement will cover the on-going maintenance fees for every Ohio prescriber and pharmacist connecting to OARRS via the PMP Gateway service. The agreement will also cover the cost of initial integration and testing with electronic health record and pharmacy system vendors operating in Ohio.

Q4) Does the use of this integration service satisfy the mandatory requirements to review a patient's information in OARRS?

Accessing OARRS data through the integration service meets the requirement to request patient data. However, simply viewing it in an EMR does not meet the legal requirements to notate in the patient medical record that the information was assessed.

As a reminder, the law requires a prescriber who is required to review OARRS information to document in the patient's medical record that the report was received and the information was assessed.

