



# Michigan NPLeX Deployment Guide

## What is NPLeX?

The National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLeX) is a real-time electronic logging system used by pharmacies, retailers and law enforcement to track sales of over-the-counter (OTC) cold and allergy medications containing precursors to the illegal drug, methamphetamine.

The NPLeX system enables pharmacies and retailers to easily enter the same pseudoephedrine (PSE) sales data currently being gathered online rather than recording the information into a manual log or in-store computer system. Data will be stored in a secure, central repository that treats the data collected as if it were HIPAA data. Furthermore, the collected data will be viewable by law enforcement in keeping with CMEA. The National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) provides NPLeX at no cost to states that have legislation requiring real-time electronic monitoring of precursor purchases, and agree to use the system. For more information on NPLeX, you may visit [www.nplexservice.com](http://www.nplexservice.com).

## Who needs to participate in NPLeX?

In compliance with Michigan House Bill 4749, the state of Michigan joined NPLeX. This law requires all pharmacies and retailers in the state that sell cold and allergy medications containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine (PSE), and/or phenylpropanolamine products over-the-counter to participate in a statewide, real-time electronic PSE monitoring program for the purpose of tracking illegal PSE purchases. If your pharmacy only administers PSE by prescription, your pharmacy does not need to participate in NPLeX. Also, if you are currently using **MethCheck**, then your pharmacy is already setup for NPLeX.

## What is the deadline to begin reporting to this system?

Per Michigan House Bill 4749, all pharmacies and retailers that dispense PSE OTC should report to NPLeX by **January 1, 2012**.

## How do I submit PSE purchase transactions to NPLeX?

Pharmacies and retailers are required to electronically submit to the NPLeX system all PSE product and purchaser data at the time of sale. Pharmacies and retailers have two options to submit PSE purchase transactions to NPLeX:

**Option 1 - NPLeX Retail Web Portal.** Appriss, the software provider of NPLeX, will provide access to its NPLeX Retail Web Portal application, a web-accessed database at no charge to all pharmacies and retailers. This web based application requires only an internet connection and a standard web browser, such as Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox. No additional hardware is needed or provided with this option.

**Option 2 – Point-of-Sale Integrated Method.** Pharmacies and retailers that have a point-of-sale (POS) system which is already integrated with NPLeX or MethCheck can submit purchaser, product and signature data using existing scanner

hardware directly from their POS to NPLeX. Pharmacies and retailers that would like to have their POS system integrated with NPLeX or are unsure about the status of their POS system should have their software provider or corporate office contact Appriss at [MINPLEX@appriss.com](mailto:MINPLEX@appriss.com) to begin technical discussions, or to have the interface enabled if available. Your POS vendor may require additional hardware or software updates in order to complete the interface, but there is no charge from NPLeX or the state for completing the NPLeX integration. Pharmacies and retailers should use the NPLeX retail web portal until their POS system is fully integrated.

## What POS vendors or pharmacy chains have integrated with NPLeX?

The following POS software vendors have completed integrations:

Qs1	HCC	New Tech	Computer Rx	Pharmitas/ComplyScan	Ateb	NCR
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The following vendors (not an exhaustive list) have not yet completed integrations but are currently working to do so:

RMS (Auto-Star)	Nova Libra	Kaiser Permanente	Magstar	PDX / Freedom Data	ECRS
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The following pharmacy chains are integrated or are in the process of completing integration with NPLeX:

CVS	RiteAid	Wal-mart	Walgreens	Supervalu
Kmart	Winn-Dixie	Meijer	Kroger	Target

## How do I obtain an account for the NPLeX Retail Web Portal?

For Pharmacies, members from Appriss will be working with the Michigan Board of Pharmacy and various corporate pharmacy chain offices to setup accounts for all registered PICs. This account information will be provided to the PIC via mail or email in the upcoming weeks. Once the PIC receives their account information, they may begin using the system and can setup additional accounts as needed.

## What training is offered?

Multiple web based training sessions will be offered in the upcoming weeks, and throughout the duration of the project. Details of the training sessions will be provided in the communication sent out to pharmacies and retailers. Downloadable training videos and users guides will also be available.

## What other states are using NPLeX?

The following 9 states are currently using NPLeX (in order in which they were first deployed): KY, IL, LA, IA, MO, FL, SC, AL and KS. The following 8 states are scheduled to begin using NPLeX by the end of 2011: WA, IN, NE, ND, TN, TX, NC, MI.

## Who do I contact for more information on NPLeX?

You may contact Appriss directly at [MINPLEX@appriss.com](mailto:MINPLEX@appriss.com) for additional questions.