

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program: Interstate Data Sharing and Permitted Use of Funds

QUESTION: What is the PMIX Architecture?

ANSWER: The PMIX Architecture is a nationwide framework that will enable standards-based sharing of controlled substance prescription dispensing data between PDMP organizations. The architecture is comprised of a formal set of technical requirements that apply to state PDMP systems, data sharing 'hubs', and other exchange partners or intermediaries. BJA requires the use of the PMIX Architecture where applicable in order to ensure nationwide interoperability of PDMP systems while preserving state flexibility with respect to the specific technologies implemented. More information regarding the PMIX Architecture can be found at: www.bja.gov/Programs/PMIXArchitecture.pdf.

QUESTION: How do I know if my solution is PMIX Architecture conformant?

ANSWER: The PMIX Architecture is complete, but has yet to be formally addressed by the Alliance of States with Prescription Monitoring Programs (ASPMP). In June 2012, it is anticipated that ASPMP will formally discuss endorsement of the architecture, including a plan for certification. Once certified, PMIX Architecture-conformant solutions, including hubs, will be listed publicly. At that time, BJA will restrict funding support to implementation of those solutions that have been certified conformant to the architecture. The certification process is anticipated to be operational in fall 2012. In the meantime, BJA and its partners will continue to work with PDMP administrators and private industry to make any necessary transitions quickly and seamlessly.

QUESTION: As a BJA HRPDMP grantee, may I repurpose grant funds to adopt a different PMIX Architecture-conformant solution than was proposed in my application?

ANSWER: Yes, by initiating a Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) request through BJA. In the case of interstate data sharing hubs, only those that have either been verified PMIX conformant or have made firm commitments to become conformant (such as PMP Interconnect) may be supported. For more information regarding BJA's policy on PDMP information sharing, please see this policy update: www.bja.gov/Programs/PDMPPolicy.pdf.