

MethCheck Rx — Solving Your Pseudoephedrine Compliance Challenge

“Prior to using this system I would spend almost a full day traveling to all the participating pharmacies and making copies of manual logs before returning to my office to look at the data. A process that took two days now takes only ten minutes.”

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One of the most significant challenges facing communities across America is the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine (meth). Those responsible for this crime are able to “cook” the drug with minimal room, equipment, or knowledge. A major component of any meth operation is a steady flow of pseudoephedrine (PSE), often found in over-the-counter cold medicines.

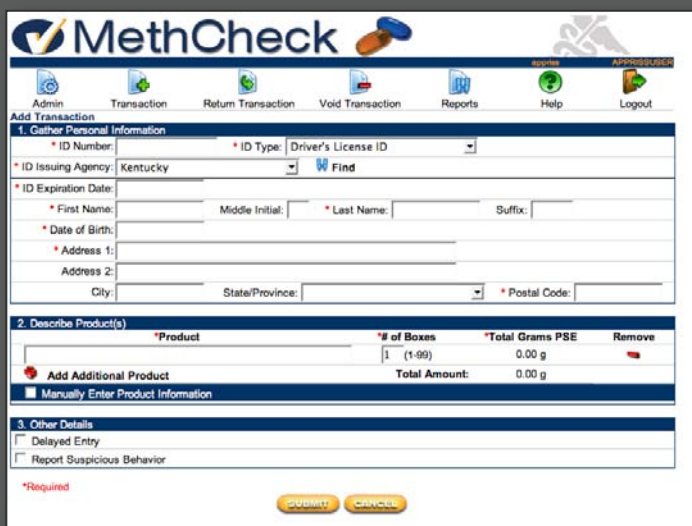
Federal and, in most cases, state legislation requires PSE products to be placed behind the pharmacy counter. Purchasers must provide identification and sign a log each time they purchase. These logs are subject to review by law enforcement personnel for the purpose of enforcing legislative requirements.

Problems With Manual PSE Logs

- Difficult to maintain
- Ineffective for law enforcement
- Create a compliance challenge for pharmacies operating across multiple states

The MethCheck Solution

- Electronic capture and storage of data eliminates the need for paper logs and reduces data entry and transaction time.
- Multi-state compliance monitor keeps a single store or chain of stores across the country compliant with all Federal, state, and local PSE laws.
- A single point of contact for managing compliance, ensuring pharmacies are submitting all required data to law enforcement.
- Tracks PSE purchase limits, any aggregate limits required by the law, box limits, pill counts, and acceptable forms of identification.
- Multi State Compliance Manager (MSCM) keeps up to date with new PSE legislation.
- Communicates with state electronic PSE repositories allowing pharmacies to stay compliant without maintaining multiple interfaces.
- Signature capture function is CMEA-compliant.



The screenshot shows the MethCheck software interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Admin, Transaction, Return Transaction, Void Transaction, Reports, Help, and Logout. Below this is a section titled "Add Transaction" with a sub-section "1. Gather Personal Information". This section contains several input fields: ID Number, ID Type (set to Driver's License ID), ID Issuing Agency (set to Kentucky), ID Expiration Date, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, and Suffix. There are also fields for Date of Birth, Address 1, Address 2, City, State/Province, and Postal Code. Below this is a section "2. Describe Product(s)" with a table showing Product, # of Boxes, Total Grams PSE, and a Remove button. The table has one row with 1 box and 0.00 g. There is a "Total Amount" of 0.00 g. Below the table is a section "3. Other Details" with checkboxes for "Delayed Entry" and "Report Suspicious Behavior". At the bottom, there are "SUBMIT" and "CANCEL" buttons.

MethCheck Rx Options

Pharmacies can enter transactions into MethCheck Rx three ways:

1 Web Portal – Attach a small scanner to a computer with Internet access. All transaction information is electronic. Scanning of the CMEA signature slip makes this Web option truly CMEA compliant.

2 MethCheck machine – This stand-alone device scans UPCs, captures purchaser information from driver's licenses 2D, 1D, or magnetic strips. This option requires only a phone line or network cable.

3 POS integration – MethCheck Rx can interface with a pharmacy's point-of-sale (POS) system. Using Web services, MethCheck can pass information back and forth with a POS real time to integrate into a cashier's or pharmacy technician's normal work flow.

Each of these options is compliant with CMEA and all state and local laws.

Proven Results

Laurel County, Kentucky, was the first community to launch MethCheck. Within six months, nine meth labs were shut down as a direct result of monitoring purchase logs with MethCheck. Pharmacies reduced the time of checkout from minutes to seconds and are no longer concerned about ensuring compliance. Pharmacists are raving about the ease of use and speed of MethCheck Rx. They have eliminated massive paper logs and the need to review them to ensure that the purchaser is not exceeding state legal limits. MethCheck does the analysis for them and provides the transaction data to law enforcement.

Put MethCheck Rx To Work For Your Pharmacy

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