

# RX News Bulletin

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## Jackson Named Administrator of BNDD



**E.J. Jackson**  
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E.J. Jackson has been named the new administrator of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD). Jackson comes to this position with a wealth of knowledge and experience in state government, law enforcement and the U.S. military.

Jackson has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and deployed in Kosovo in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He has 20 plus years of law enforcement experience with various departments including Fulton, Callaway County, Moscow Mills and Jefferson City. He has been an investigator in the Department of Health and Senior Services since 2008. Prior to coming to BNDD, Jackson worked as an Investigations Supervisor within the department's Office of Special Investigations, responsible for investigating complaints of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of the elderly and disabled. He been the chief investigator and assistant bureau chief of the BNDD since 2017.

Jackson replaces former BNDD Administrator Michael Boeger. Boeger served in BNDD for 26 years and was the administrator for the past 14 years. He now servers as the Assistant Section Administrator for Health Standards and Licensure, which houses the bureaus of BNDD, EMS, Hospital Standards, Ambulatory Care, Home Care and Rehabilitative Standards and Diagnostic Services.

## BNDD Moves to Online Applications

The BNDD amended regulations to move to a fully online electronic application process. All applicants should visit the [BNDD website](#) to apply for all registrations.

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## Changes to Mid-Level Schedule 2 Prescribing

Gov. Mike Parson signed HB 402, increasing the Schedule 2 prescribing privileges of certain mid-level practitioners. The new law impacts nurse practitioners and physicians' assistants.

The new law effective August 28, 2023 states:

- Certain mid-level practitioners will have full authority to administer, dispense and prescribe all Schedule 2 controlled substances.
- Nurse practitioners and physician assistants must be in a collaborative or supervision agreement with an authorized physician. The agreement designates that the mid-level practitioner must be providing care to hospice patients and designates the hospice as a location where the mid-level is authorized to practice and prescribe.

- The patient must be enrolled in and receiving hospice care.
- The mid-level practitioner must be employed by a hospice provider where the hospice provider is licensed under Chapter 197, RSMo.

Although it is not required by the law, the BNDD is requesting that these mid-level practitioners write additional information on these Schedule 2 prescriptions so pharmacies know the patient is enrolled in hospice and is at a licensed location. Providing additional information to the pharmacies will expedite the reviews and hopefully reduce telephone calls.

## DEA Updates

Visit the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration website at [deadiversion.usdoj.gov](https://deadiversion.usdoj.gov) for updates on new regulations. Sign up to receive announcements by clicking on *Get Email Updates*. The DEA has recently published:

- The DEA recently published a new act passed by congress that requires practitioners to obtain 8 hours of CME relating to opiate prescribing. Practitioners must be able to show the 8 hours of CME upon applying for their next federal DEA registration.
- The DEA announced they are moving toward an online report system for all loss and theft reports.
  - ▶ The DEA published the results of their annual Drug Disposal Take Back day in April 2023.
  - ▶ Missouri had 244 law enforcement agencies participate.
  - ▶ Missouri law enforcement collected drugs at 153 separate locations.
  - ▶ Missouri collected 22,970 pounds in April 2023
  - ▶ Since beginning this program in 2016, the DEA has collected 688,106 pounds in Missouri.

## Daniels Named St. Louis Diversion Program Manager



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BNDD Administrator E.J. Jackson, recently met with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Drug Diversion team to welcome Kimberly Daniels as their new Diversion Program Manager, St. Louis Division. Discussions were had regarding physician prescribing trends, as well as ways both agencies can continue working together on the deterrence of controlled substances diversions.

## After two years, Missouri's drug monitoring program on track to go live

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Missouri's statewide prescription drug monitoring program is on track, although no go-live date has been set, said Dean Linneman, the program's executive director.

Guides and user manuals for dispensers and prescribers will become available four to six weeks before the program officially launches, Linneman said.

Missouri passed a statewide monitoring program in 2021 after years of debate over concerns for patient privacy. It was the last state in the country to approve such a program.

Prescription drug monitoring keeps a record of a patient's prescription history, considered a key tool in mitigating harm caused by the opioid crisis. All dispensers, like pharmacies, will be required to record patient dispensation information for any Schedule 2-4 controlled substances.

Julie Miller, a family nurse practitioner and director of clinical faculty practice for the MU Sinclair School of Nursing, knows firsthand this program will be a useful tool.

"These dangerous drugs are sometimes necessary," Miller said. "However, (drugs prescribed in) larger quantities, over longer durations and prescribed by multiple people, are unsafe for patients. So we need prescribers to have greater insight into that information."

Miller is a member of the state's Joint Oversight Task Force, a team with representatives from the Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, the Board of Pharmacy, the Dental Board and the Board of Nursing.

Linneman, who works with the task force, said they are taking every precaution to protect patient privacy.

One of the major steps in establishing a statewide drug monitoring program has been choosing a vendor to safeguard the data and make it available to medical providers. The task force selected Bamboo Health, a health care technology company based in Kentucky that is already affiliated with programs in 44 other states.

The other part of the process is transferring data from the pre-existing PDMP run by St. Louis County. This PDMP launched in 2017 and already provides information for 85 percent of the state population and 94 percent of providers.

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# BNDD Fiscal Year Statistics July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

- 35,988 applications received and processed.
- 4,244 changes in registrations, names, addresses and other.
- 2,300 inspections completed.
- 41 investigations completed.
- 30 disciplinary actions taken such as warnings, censures, probations and surrenders of registrations.
- 320,045 visits and hits to the BNDD website.
- 7,847 emails to the BNDD asking questions.

REGISTRANT TYPE	NUMBER OF REGISTRANTS
Advanced Practice Nurses	2,731
Ambulatory Surgery Centers	122
Analytical Labs	52
Assistant Physicians	19
Correctional Centers/Jails	81
Dentists (DMD)	758
Dentists (DDS)	2,073
Distributors	21
EMS Ambulance Services	293
Exporters	12
Hospice Facilities	8
Hospitals	174
Importers	9
LTCF-Automated Machines	25
LTCF-Emergency Kits	525
Manufacturers	21
Mental Health Facilities (DMH)	166
Military Training	2
Narcotic Treatment Program	20
Optometrists	642
Other (BNDD, Brd Pharm)	6
Physician (DO)	3,575
Physician (MD)	19,364
Physician Assistant	617
Podiatrists (DPM)	266
Retail Pharmacies	1,273
Researchers (Business)	140
Researchers (Individuals)	139
Teaching Institutions	9
Veterinarians (DVM)	1,963
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,106</b>

## DEA National Drug Take-Back Day Oct. 28, 2023

The DEA has announced their next national take-back day is Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Law enforcement agencies are authorized to collect unwanted medications for disposal. Additional information can be obtained [here](#).



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