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National Pharmacy Group Suspends Pharmacist Demand Reporting Tool

Future survey methodology will refine how pharmacist demand is reported.

The Pharmacy Workforce Center (PWC) announced today the suspension of the Pharmacist Demand Indicator (PDI), a project that has assessed the demand for pharmacists through a national survey of employee panelists. This decision allows the PWC to collaborate with the pharmacy profession and other stakeholders to develop a sustainable model to measure and report pharmacist demand in the United States.

Over the past several years, there has been inconsistency in the number of panelists participating in the survey, which has led to the PDI's inability to report results on a state-level. The PWC plans to work with multiple pharmacy stakeholder groups throughout 2019 to determine the best methodology that will deliver useful information on the demand for pharmacists.

"PWC prides itself on tools, resources and data for the profession to monitor the supply and demand of pharmacists in all practice settings" said PWC President Elizabeth Cardello. "We look forward to providing the pharmacy community with the "new" PDI upon the completion of our research, validation and testing of our new data model."

Previously known as the monthly Pharmacy Aggregate Demand Index (ADI), which began in 2000, the PDI was established in 2016 as a quarterly investigation to collect and disseminate data on the demand for pharmacists in the United States. The quarterly summary reports of the ADI, including the 4th quarter 2018 report, can be found on the [PDI website](#). The PDI is based on information provided by participating panelists of pharmacist employers. PWC has been the sole sponsor of the ADI and PDI.

About the Pharmacy Workforce Center

The [Pharmacy Workforce Center](#) is a coalition of non-profit corporations whose mission is to serve the pharmacy profession and the public by actively researching, analyzing, and monitoring the size, demography and activities of the pharmacy workforce.