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TO: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS – STATE BOARDS OF PHARMACY
FROM: Lemrey “Al” Carter, Executive Director/Secretary
DATE: October 20, 2022
RE: Changes Pharmacists May Make to Schedule II Paper Prescriptions

NABP is sharing the attached guidance document from Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) which addresses changes pharmacists may make to Schedule II paper prescriptions. DEA will provide the guidance document to DEA-registered pharmacies via email. A [Prescriptions Q&A](#) is also posted on the DEA Diversion website.

Attachment

cc: NABP Executive Committee

Drug Enforcement Administration
Diversion Control Division
Guidance Document

Title: Changes Pharmacists May Make to Schedule II Paper Prescriptions

Summary: This guidance document provides clarification regarding the changes pharmacists may make to schedule II paper prescriptions. This guidance will remain in effect until the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) codifies new regulations, or until this guidance is otherwise modified or withdrawn by DEA. This guidance will be sent via email to all DEA-registered pharmacies and practitioners and will be posted on the [DEA guidance portal](#).

Activity: Changes Pharmacist May Make to Schedule II Paper Prescriptions

To Whom It Applies: All DEA-Registered Pharmacies and Practitioners

Question: What changes can be made to a schedule II paper prescription?

Answer: In the past few months, DEA has received an increasing number of questions concerning pharmacists' ability to add or modify information—like a patient's address—on paper prescriptions. To address these questions, DEA has been reviewing the relevant regulations and working to draft new regulations to address this issue. In the interim, pharmacists should adhere to state regulations or policy regarding those changes that a pharmacist may make to a schedule II prescription after oral consultation with the prescriber.

The contents of this document do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way. This document is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the law or Department of Justice policies.

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