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To: WV Prescribers

Subject: Schedule II Prescription Requirements

The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy is aware of a reported policy change by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Despite DEA's historical policy guidance permitting pharmacists to clarify and document certain missing or needed information on the Schedule II controlled substance prescription after consultation with the prescriber, the prescriptions now must arrive at the pharmacy with all required elements of 21 CFR 1306.05(a) to be valid.

These requirements include:

21 CFR 1306.05 Manner of issuance of prescriptions.

(a) All prescriptions for controlled substances shall be dated as of, and signed on, the day when issued and shall bear the **full name and address of the patient, the drug name, strength, dosage form, quantity prescribed, directions for use, and the name, address and registration number [DEA] of the practitioner.**

Please be aware that Schedule II controlled substance prescriptions not containing all of the above information are no longer considered valid by the DEA and would need to be reissued. We are sharing this information to insure timely, consistent patient care for West Virginians.