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Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement

Submission of Prescription Information in ASAP 2007 Format

Effective January 1, 2009, all pharmacies are required to begin submitting controlled substance prescription information to the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) in the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy (ASAP) 2007 format. Any pharmacy that is not submitting data in the ASAP 2007 version should contact their software vendor to ensure compliance with the submission requirement. Pharmacies may obtain a copy of the ASAP 2007 manual by contacting the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy at 610-825-7783.

Important reporting requirements for controlled substance prescription information are located on the BNE webpage (www.nyhealth.gov/professionals/narcotic) in the 'Pharmacies' section. Pharmacies that fail to submit prescription information in the ASAP 2007 format in a timely manner may face an administrative enforcement action.

Endorsing Controlled Substance Prescriptions

Pharmacists dispensing controlled substance prescriptions are required to endorse upon each prescription his or her signature, the date of dispensing and the pharmacy prescription number. A computer-generated sticker may be affixed to the prescription to indicate the date of dispensing and pharmacy prescription number; however, the pharmacist's signature must be endorsed upon the actual prescription itself.

Pharmacists dispensing refills of controlled substance prescriptions are required to indicate upon the original prescription the amount dispensed, the date dispensed, and the signature

of the dispensing pharmacist.

A computer-generated sticker may be used to indicate the amount and date dispensed; however, both the sticker and the pharmacist's signature must be upon the original prescription itself.

Automated Dispensing Systems in Residential Health Care Facilities

Part 80 and federal regulations authorize a registered community pharmacy to install and operate an automated dispensing system (ADS) containing controlled substances in a Residential Health Care Facility that is licensed or approved by the Department of Health.

The pharmacy must first obtain a separate registration for the ADS from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and a Class 11 license from the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement.

The pharmacy may provide the ADS with controlled substances for continuous dosing to patients pursuant to a prescription maintained at the pharmacy. The ADS may also be utilized to store controlled substances comprising an emergency medication kit.

Important Note: Part 80 regulations require that controlled substances provided to an ADS must be obtained **only** under the DEA registration of the community pharmacy and **not** the DEA registration of the ADS.



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