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NOTICE

E-prescribing and FAQ of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine

The DEA has adopted rules for the electronic prescribing of controlled substances. The rules require that a software program designed for prescribing controlled substances electronically must obtain evaluation and certified approval in order to confirm that it meets all of the DEA's system requirements before it can actually be utilized in practice.

In the State of Oregon ephedrine and pseudoephedrine are schedule III controlled substances. However, these drugs are not considered controlled substances under federal law. As such, they are not subject to the federal controlled substance prescribing requirements. They are subject to the same prescribing requirements that apply to prescriptions for other legend drugs.

This notice has been posted on the Board's website to inform Oregon pharmacists and prescribing practitioners that ephedrine and pseudoephedrine may be prescribed electronically or as a written prescription pursuant to OAR 855-041-0065.

FAQ:

1. Do the requirements of a 6 month expiration and maximum of 5 refills of a controlled substance apply? **YES.**
2. Do I still have to inventory these drugs as controlled substances? **YES.**
3. Can I add the DEA # / address to the hardcopy? **YES.**
4. Can I accept these drugs back as a return for destruction? **NO.**

NOTE: Carisoprodol became federally controlled on January 11, 2012 and all federal laws and rules now apply to this drug.