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WYOMING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE REGISTRATION

The Wyoming Controlled Substance Act requires the registration of all practitioners, researchers, or business or law enforcement entities that prescribe, administer, dispense, store, or distribute controlled substances in the State of Wyoming. The Board of Pharmacy is designated as the agency to administer this registration. Failure of any registrant to register with the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy may result in the revocation of federal registration with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) requires that you secure your Wyoming Controlled Substance Registration before it will finalize your DEA registration application or modification.

The DEA encourages you to initiate or modify your DEA registration on the DEA website, deaddiversion.usdoj.gov. If you wish to speak to a DEA representative, Charlene R. Messick, Registration Program Specialist, may be reached by calling the regional toll-free number, 1-800-326-9000, menu item 1, or the regional toll number, 1-801-524-4389.

If you are **relocating** your practice to Wyoming and hold a DEA registration from your previous practice location, you will need to modify your DEA registration to reflect your new practice location.

A practitioner whose primary practice is located out of state and who provides locum tenens services in Wyoming is not required to contact the DEA but is required to secure Wyoming Controlled Substance Registration.

Practitioners who dispense controlled substances are required to maintain a record of all controlled substances dispensed. We recommend you maintain a perpetual inventory.

Wyoming law allows a pharmacist to substitute all prescriptions with a generically equivalent product, unless the practitioner clearly indicates no substitution allowed. We encourage practitioners, if they do not want substitution, to write "brand medically necessary", "dispense as written", or otherwise clearly indicate on the prescription that substitution is not allowed.

Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding the content of this letter or the enclosed application.

enclosure: Representative listing of controlled substances in Schedules I through V, with explanatory notes.

EXAMPLES OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BY SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE I

All drugs or chemicals in Schedule I are used in research or by law enforcement. Law enforcement utilizes these substances in training of their drug dogs. None of these substances may be legally dispensed, prescribed, or administered to patients in Wyoming.

Examples include: Marijuana, Mescaline, Heroin, LSD

SCHEDULE II

Prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances must be written and signed each occasion; refills are not allowed. Telephone orders for Schedule II must be for an emergency quantity in an emergency situation and must be followed by a written, signed prescription within seven (7) days. Faxed Schedule II prescriptions are allowed in the following situations:

- Residents of a long-term care facility;
- Hospice patients;
- Compounded products for administration by parenteral route.

Examples include: Oxycodone containing products (Tylox[®], Percocet[®], Oxycontin[®]) Morphine, MS Contin[®], Demerol[®], Dilaudid[®], Ritalin[®], Adderall[®]

SCHEDULE III

Prescriptions may be written, telephoned, or faxed. Refills may be authorized; a maximum of five (5) refills within six (6) months of the date the prescription is written. Prescriptions are valid for six (6) months from the date written.

Examples include: Anabolic steroids, Lortab[®], Vicodin[®], Tylenol with codeine[®], Tussionex[®]

SCHEDULE IV

Prescriptions may be written, telephoned, or faxed. Refills may be authorized; a maximum of five (5) refills within six (6) months of the date the prescription is written. Prescriptions are valid for six (6) months from the date written.

Examples include: Ambien[®], Sonata[®], Valium[®], Xanax[®]

SCHEDULE V

Prescriptions may be written, telephoned, or faxed. Refills may be authorized; a maximum of five (5) refills within six (6) months of the date the prescription is written. Prescriptions are valid for six (6) months from the date written. In Wyoming, all codeine containing cough syrups require a prescription. In some states, they may be sold over the counter.

Examples include: Codeine containing cough syrups, Lomotil[®]

DIVERSION PREVENTION TIPS

- Treat your prescription pads like cash -- don't leave them lying around.
- Consider using prescription blanks which, if copied, will show "copy" or "void" across the face of the prescription.
- Multi-colored prescription pads are more difficult to alter or to reproduce.
- Use indelible ink and, preferably, not black ink.
- Write quantity in script and in numerals to deter alterations.
- Do not leave the "number of refills" space blank.