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Rescheduling of Hydrocodone Combination Products

Effective October 6, 2014, all Hydrocodone Combination Products (HCPs) will be classified as Schedule II controlled substances pursuant to a rule adopted by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on August 22, 2014.

In order to ensure compliance with State and Federal controlled substances requirements all pharmacists and prescribing practitioners must adhere to the following requirements for Schedule II drugs:

SECURITY:

HCPs are subject to Schedule II requirements and must be stored in pharmacies in accordance with the Rules for the Administration of the Illinois Pharmacy Practice Act Section 1330.600 as of October 6, 2014.

PRESCRIPTIONS:

Any HCP prescription written before October 6, 2014 should be treated and filled as a Schedule III controlled substance, including refills as specified below.

Refills authorized on a HCP prescription, written before October 6, 2014, may be dispensed up to five (5) times, as authorized, until April 8, 2015 or six months from the date of HCP was originally issued. No additional refills may be authorized, nor can refills be dispensed beyond the six month original issue date.

INVENTORY:

On or before October 6, 2014, all pharmacies and practitioners should inventory any HCPs in their possession or stock by conducting an actual count or measure of the contents. This inventory should be signed and dated and included with registrant's biennial controlled substance inventory.

PRESCRIPTION FILING:

Any prescriptions for HCPs that are issued before October 6, 2014 and authorized for refilling should be filed in the prescription file for Schedule III, IV, and V prescriptions. Any new prescriptions for HCPs issued on or after October 6, 2014 must be filed in the prescription file for Schedule II prescriptions.

PARTIAL DISPENSING:

Beginning on October 6, 2014, HCPs prescriptions must adhere to partial dispensing procedures for Schedule II drugs listed in Rules for the Administration of the Controlled Substances Act Section 3100.420. Any prescriptions for the HCPs that are issued before October 6, 2014, and authorized for refilling, may be partially dispensed in accordance with 21 CFR 1306.23 if such dispensing occurs before April 8, 2015.

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