



# Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

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### **PRESCRIBER GUIDELINES DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“Department”) is aware of press reports of physicians and other authorized healthcare providers writing prescriptions for medications to themselves and/or their family in connection with the current COVID-19 pandemic. While authorized healthcare providers may prescribe any FDA-approved medication, even for “off-label” uses, the Department is concerned that some of this alleged behavior may violate the various practice acts of the professions involved.

The Department is precluded by law from commenting on, or even confirming the existence of, any open complaints or investigations. However, we wish to reassure the public that we take any allegations of unprofessional prescribing seriously and may levy discipline, up to revocation of their license, against any prescriber found to be in violation of their practice act.

The Department wants to remind all authorized prescribers that there are currently no approved or recognized outpatient treatments or prophylactic regimes for COVID-19. Self-prescribing or prescribing to family or friends must be consistent with the standard of care and ethical standards of the relevant profession, including the existence of a provider-patient relationship; appropriate clinical indications for the medication, dosage, and amount prescribed; and maintenance of proper medical records.

The Department further reminds authorized prescribers to check the FDA’s website for any information regarding the emergency use of chloroquine phosphate and hydroxychloroquine sulfate; link to the FDA’s Emergency Use Authorization Letter: <https://www.fda.gov/media/136534/download>.

To file a complaint against any of the Department’s licensees go to [www.IDFPR.illinois.gov](http://www.IDFPR.illinois.gov)