



# Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

## Division of Professional Regulation

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### GUIDANCE ON THE PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION

**April 23, 2020**

On March 9, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area in response to the outbreak of COVID-19, and again on April 1, 2020, declared all counties as a disaster area in response to the exponential spread of COVID-19. In response, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“Department”), Division of Professional Regulation (the “Division”) is issuing the following Guidance.

Authorized prescribers and pharmacies may follow the guidance and temporary exceptions issued by the Diversion Control Division of the Drug Enforcement Agency (“DEA”) due to the emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services on January 31, 2020, as a result of COVID-19; posted on the DEA’s COVID-19 Information Page at:

<https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/coronavirus.html>.