

## CHANGES FROM THE ONYSRX PROGRAM

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Stickers will invalidate an ONYSRX

A Health Provider Network account is required for:

- ❖ Computer paper for printing ONYSRX
- ❖ Listing multiple prescribers on an ONYSRX

Pharmacists can fill computer-generated white blanks for NC-Rx from exempted institutions that have the state-issued validation sticker affixed to the Rx.

## ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING

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No ONYSRX required for electronically transmitted Rxs or Rxs generated in an exempted federal facility (e.g. VA)

Medicaid Rxs that are Brand Medically Necessary or require Prior Authorization, controlled substance, or syringe/needle Rxs cannot be sent electronically.

Any Rx printed in the prescriber's office must be on the ONYSRX paper supplied by the BNE and requires a hand-written signature.

Electronic Rxs for Medicare D recipients covered by Medicare D plans must be transmitted by electronic digital interface after 1/1/2009. Computer-to-fax transmission is not allowed.

NPI number is required for e-Rx after 4/1/2009

## COMMON CONVENTIONS

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Rxs expire after 1 year (Insurance & Pharmacy policies)

Most Rxs are accepted across state lines.

A pharmacy may partial fill a NC-Rx though some insurers may require prescriber authorization. For some insurances, this will count as a complete fill. Other insurances will allow a partial fill. A controlled substance requires prescriber authorization to alter the quantity.

Some pharmacists can teach self-injection and inhaler use in addition to drug counseling.

Medical orders (used in hospitals and nursing homes) are not Rxs. If received, some pharmacies may treat these as oral Rxs, or disregard them and request new Rxs.

Insulin doses need to be specified so appropriate quantities can be dispensed.

## COMMON INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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Some insurances will allow early refills.

The prescriber's DEA number may be required by some insurers for NC-Rx.

EPIC will allow the greater of 30 days or 100 dose units.

Mail-order and commercial insurers will frequently allow prescriptions for a 90 day supply with refills – subject to quantity limitations on the first fill.

- When allowed by law, most pharmacists will automatically adjust the quantity per insurer's allowed amount on the first fill.
- It is the patient's responsibility to mail Rxs to mail-order pharmacies.
- Certain drugs are not available through mail-order, depending on the plan.

## COMMON CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SCHEDULES\*

### CII

Percocet  
Anabolic Steroids  
Methylphenidate

### CIV

Ambien  
lonamin  
Darvocet N100  
Sonata

### CIII

Tylenol w/Codeine  
Lortab Elixer  
Vicodin Tuss

### CV

Lomotil

*\* Not a comprehensive list. The list in no way implies preferred or therapeutically appropriate agents*

**Please note:** Controlled substance regulations are far more detailed than presented in this brochure.

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# PRESCRIPTION WRITING

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## A Reference for New York State Prescribers



## Essential Regulations, Paraphrased, Governing:

- ☞ Verbal and Written Orders
- ☞ Non-Controlled Drugs
- ☞ Medicaid
- ☞ Controlled Substances
- ☞ Syringes and Needles

