

# Pharmacy Tidbit

## New Laws, Old Regulations, and E-Prescribing

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### The Official New York State Prescription (ONYSRX)

- Legislation goes into full effect April 19<sup>th</sup> 2006
  - There is a proposal to delay full implementation for Hospitals and their staff for one year – until April of 2007
    - Done to allow full phase-in of electronic medical records currently under way in many facilities.
- Every prescription written (or printed) in New York State must be on the ONYSRX
  - No Stickers on the Rx's
  - Controls must have inked signature

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### Selected Points

- CII and Benzodiazepines still cannot be refilled
- Only a PCP can call controls for their patients
  - Not a nurse, not another PCP
- The prescriptions can be stored and kept in any practice location – they are transportable
  - The prescriber is responsible for their prescription blanks
  - If lost/stolen – report to BNE

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### Selected Points

- No DEA #? No controlled Rx's
  - But you can use blanks for non-controls
- Prescription pads must be ordered from the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE)
  - There is NO charge for the pads
- Registration is a bottleneck. Consider an HPN account
  - Allows multiple names and addresses on the blank
  - Allows for paper for EMRs
  - Allows for quicker turn-around for new blanks

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### Facility Prescribing

- Facility approves use for residents, interns, and foreign doctors
- Facility blanks can only be used for facility patients
- Residents can use Physician blanks as long as legal requirements are met
  - Imprinted name, etc.
- EMR and E-prescribing access is determined by the owner/authorizer of the program

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### Other Prescribing

- Physician assistants and Nurse Practitioners receive their own blanks
  - Individuals are required to meet law on their own (such as PA writing name of covering MD)



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## Implications


- Verbal orders may increase
  - Risk of prescribing and dispensing error increases
  - You do not have to provide Serial #
  - Be sure to include medication indication
  - Benazepril 5 mg Daily #30 for...memory loss?
- Pharmacies may stop sending refill prescriptions (generated from the pharmacy system) to the PCP office
  - Pharmacist variability in interpretation will increase



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## Electronic Prescribing


- No ONYSRX is required for non-controlled substances
  - Medicaid no longer requires hard copy follow-up for *DRUGS*
  - Medicaid still requires hard copy follow-up for Durable Medical Equipment
- Cannot use e-prescribing for controlled substances



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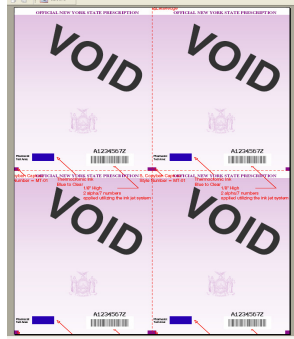
## Computer Printed Prescriptions

- You can print prescriptions from an E-prescribing program or Electronic Medical Record on NY State supplied paper
  - Paper is only available by ordering through HPN account
- The paper is not identified with the prescriber's name
- Work with vendors to accommodate the format



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## EMR Paper




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## Resources

- Electronic Prescribing
  - <http://www.op.nysed.gov/pharmelectrans.htm>
- The Official NYS Rx Program
  - [http://www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/narcotic/notice\\_pharmacists.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/narcotic/notice_pharmacists.htm)
- Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement
  - 1-866-811-7957
    - Option 1: Ordering & Registration
    - Option 2: Legal Questions
    - Option 3: Set up HPN account
    - Option 5: Report Diversion