

Prescription Regulations

A synopsis * of Federal and Provincial Acts and Regulations governing the Distribution of Drugs by Prescription in Saskatchewan

*This synopsis is a condensation of some of the pertinent Acts and Regulations. *Users of the chart are reminded that it has been compiled for convenient reference only and that the official legislation should always be consulted for the purposes of interpreting and applying the laws.*

**Prescription Review Program: Please refer to the Prescription Review Program in the Pharmacy Reference Manual details.

***RECORDS: Narcotic records includes either the approved manual or electronic (i.e. pharmacy computer) version.

| CLASS | DESCRIPTION | FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS | REPEATS | RECORDS*** | PRESCRIPTION REVIEW PROGRAM** |
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| <p>NARCOTIC DRUG** Examples: Codeine, (Codeine Contin, Tylenol #4), morphine (MS Contin, Statex, Kadian), hydromorphone, (Dilaudid, Hydromorph Contin), hydrocodone (Novahistex DH, Tussionex), oxycodone (Percocet, OxyNeo), methadone, Lomotil** etc. <i>See Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) and Narcotic Control Regulations.</i></p> <p>**Refer to the Prescription Review program for a complete list of drugs on the program – e.g. Lomotil is NOT a PRP drug.</p> | <p>All straight narcotics, all narcotic drugs, or compounds for parenteral use. Compounds containing more than one narcotic or compounds with less than two non-narcotic ingredients. All products containing diacetylmorphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone, methadone or pentazocine.</p> <p>Refer to The Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and Substances Act and the Schedule to the Narcotic Control Regulations</p> | <p>Written prescription signed and dated by a practitioner.</p> <p>**Refer to Prescription Review Program. In Saskatchewan, all PRP drugs must be in writing, including the patients DOB, HSN and total quantity in writing and alphabetically (last requirement exempt if Rx is faxed).</p> | <p>No Repeats. All re-orders must be new, written prescriptions. However, a prescription total quantity may be dispensed in divided portions (part-fill), subject to professional discretion if the total quantity is indicated on the prescription.</p> | <p>All receipts/purchases (from the wholesaler or emergency supplies) record either electronically or via retention of invoices dated for the date of receipt.</p> <p>All sales/dispenses recorded electronically in a manner that allows for a complete report to be provided upon request (sales reports)</p> <p>Filling of prescriptions in order of date and Rx/TX number in a special file designated for Narcotics and Controlled Drugs. Part fills, all records, including the prescription itself, and the sales report, must reflect the date and actual amount dispensed. A cross reference from the part fill to the original is document.</p> | <p>Written prescriptions are required for all PRP drugs. In Saskatchewan, all PRP drugs must be in writing, including the patients DOB, HSN and total quantity in writing and alphabetically (last requirement exempt if Rx is faxed).</p> <p>No refills are permitted. A smaller portion of a total quantity may be dispensed at designated intervals.</p> |
| <p>VERBAL PRESCRIPTION NARCOTIC** Examples: 282s, 292s, Fiorinal C 1/4, C 1/2, Tylenol #2 and #3, etc. <i>See CDSA and Narcotic Control Regulations</i></p> | <p>A combination product not intended for parenteral use, containing only one narcotic and two or more non-narcotic drugs in therapeutic dose, but not including products containing diacetylmorphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone, methadone or pentazocine.</p> <p>Refer to The Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and Substances Act and the Schedule to the Narcotic Control Regulations</p> | <p>Written or verbal **prescription (PLEASE SEE PRESCRIPTION REVIEW PROGRAM) from a practitioner. Verbal prescription ** must be reduced to writing by a pharmacist showing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name and address of patient; • name, initials and address of prescriber; • name, quantity, and form of drug(s); | <p>No repeats. All orders must be new, written prescriptions. However, a prescription total quantity may be dispensed in divided portions, subject to professional discretion if the total quantity is indicated on the prescription. **Refer to Prescription Review Program in Saskatchewan</p> | <p>Receipts -- entry required in Narcotic Register. Sales -- no entry required for sales pursuant to prescriptions, but emergency supplies provided to another pharmacist and returns to licensed dealers must be recorded in sales portion of Register. Prescriptions filed in order of date and number in a special file designated for Narcotics and Controlled Drugs.</p> | <p>Written prescriptions are required for all PRP drugs. In Saskatchewan, all PRP drugs must be in writing, including the patients DOB, HSN and total quantity in writing and alphabetically (last requirement exempt if Rx is faxed).</p> <p>No refills are permitted. A smaller portion of a total quantity may be dispensed at designated intervals.</p> |
| <p>CONTROLLED DRUGS - LEVEL I** Examples: Dexedrine, Vyvanse, Ritalin, Adderall, Concerta <i>See CDSA and Schedule G, Part I "Food and Drug Regulations"</i></p> | <p>Those drugs listed in Part I of the Schedule to Part G of the Food and Drug Regulations and Schedule III of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. They include amphetamines, methylphenidate, pentobarbital and secobarbital.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • directions for use; • date; • prescription number; • name or initials of pharmacist. | <p>No repeats are allowed if original prescription is verbal.** If written, the original prescription may be repeated if the prescriber has indicated in writing the number/frequency of repeats.</p> | <p>All receipts and all sales entered in Narcotic Register. Prescriptions filed in order of date and number in a special file designated for Narcotics and Controlled Drugs.</p> | <p>Written prescriptions are required for all PRP drugs. In Saskatchewan, all PRP drugs must be in writing, including the patients DOB, HSN and total quantity in writing and alphabetically (last requirement exempt if Rx is faxed).</p> <p>No refills are permitted. A smaller portion of a total quantity may be dispensed at designated intervals.</p> |
| <p>CONTROLLED DRUG PREPARATION - LEVEL I** <i>See CDSA and Schedule G, Part I "Food and Drug Regulations"</i></p> | <p>A combination containing a controlled drug -- Level 1 -- as described above, and one or more active medicinal ingredients, in a recognized therapeutic dose, other than a narcotic or controlled drug.</p> | <p>**Refer to Prescription Review Program. In Saskatchewan, all PRP drugs must be in writing, including the patients DOB, HSN and total quantity in writing and alphabetically (last requirement exempt if Rx is faxed).</p> | <p>**Refer to Prescription Review Program in Saskatchewan</p> | <p>Receipts -- entry required in Narcotic Register. Sales -- no entry required in Narcotic Register for sales pursuant to prescriptions, but emergency supplies provided to another pharmacist and returns to licensed dealers must be recorded in sales portion of Register. Prescriptions filed in order of date and number in a special file designated for Narcotics and Controlled Drugs.</p> | |

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| <p>CONTROLLED DRUGS - LEVEL II** Examples: Phenobarb, Anabolic Steroids (i.e. Delatestryl), etc. <i>See CDSA and Schedule G, Part II and III "Food and Drug Regulations"</i></p> | <p>Those drugs listed in Parts II & III of the Schedule to Part G of the Food and Drug Regulations and Schedule IV of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. They include: butorphanol, barbituric acid and its salts and derivatives (except secobarbital and pentobarbital) as well as steroids (Testosterone).</p> | <p>As immediately above, plus, in the case of verbal prescriptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> number and frequency of refills (if any) authorized. </p> | <p>Repeats may be authorized on original prescription whether written or verbal, but authorization must indicate number and frequency of repeats.</p> | <p>Receipts -- entry required in Narcotic Register or invoices must be available to substantiate receipt. Sales -- no entry required in Narcotic Register for sales pursuant to prescriptions, but emergency supplies provided to another pharmacist and returns to licensed dealers must be recorded in sales portion of Register. Prescriptions filled in</p> | <p>Written prescriptions are required for all PRP drugs. In Saskatchewan, all PRP drugs must be in writing, including the patients DOB, HSN and total quantity in writing and alphabetically (last requirement exempt if Rx is faxed).</p> <p>No refills are permitted. A smaller portion of a total quantity may be dispensed at designated intervals.</p> |
| <p>CONTROLLED DRUG PREPARATION - LEVEL II Examples: Fiorinal, Anabolic Steroids (i.e. Climacteron), etc. <i>See CDSA and Schedule G, Part II and III "Food and Drug Regulations"</i></p> | <p>A combination containing a controlled drug -- Level II -- as described above, and one or more active medicinal ingredients, in a recognized therapeutic dose, other than a narcotic or controlled drug.</p> | <p>** Refer to Prescription Review Program. In Saskatchewan, all PRP drugs must be in writing, including the patients DOB, HSN and total quantity in writing and alphabetically (last requirement exempt if Rx is faxed).</p> | <p>**Refer to Prescription Review Program in Saskatchewan</p> | <p>Order of date and number in a special file designated for Narcotics and Controlled Drugs.</p> | |
| <p>BENZODIAZEPINES & OTHER TARGETED SUBSTANCES Examples: Benzodiazepines (except for Flunitrazepam, Clozapine & Olanzapine), such as Diazepam, Lorazepam, etc. Mazindol, Pipradol, etc. <i>See Benzodiazepine & Other Targeted Substances Regulations</i></p> | <p>Those drugs listed in Schedule 1 of the Benzodiazepines and Other Targeted Substances Regulations.</p> | <p>Written or verbal prescription from practitioner. Verbal prescriptions must be reduced to writing by a pharmacist showing date, prescription number, patient's name and address, name and quantity of drug(s), directions for use, prescriber's name, name and initials of pharmacist, and number of refills (if any).</p> <p>** Refer to Prescription Review Program. In Saskatchewan, all PRP drugs must be in writing, including the patients DOB, HSN and total quantity in writing and alphabetically (last requirement exempt if Rx is faxed).</p> | <p>Repeats may be authorized on original prescription whether written or verbal**, but authorization must be for a specific number of refills. Refills are permitted only if less than one year has elapsed since the date on which the prescription was issued.</p> <p>"PRN" is not valid authority for repeats.</p> <p>TRANSFER – Benzodiazepines and other targeted substances may be transferred only once while the prescription has valid refills.</p> <p>**Refer to Prescription Review Program in Saskatchewan</p> | <p>Receipts -- entry required in Narcotic Register or invoices must be available to substantiate receipt.</p> <p>Prescriptions filed in the regular Schedule 1 file and must be retained for at least two years from the date of the last fill or refill.</p> | <p>Written prescriptions are required for all PRP drugs. In Saskatchewan, all PRP drugs must be in writing, including the patients DOB, HSN and total quantity in writing and alphabetically (last requirement exempt if Rx is faxed).</p> <p>No refills are permitted. A smaller portion of a total quantity may be dispensed at designated intervals.</p> |
| <p>PRESCRIPTION DRUGS LIST DRUGS (FORMERLY SCHEDULE F) <i>See Part C, "Food and Drug Regulations"</i></p> | <p>Those drugs listed in Schedule I of the Bylaws to the Pharmacy and Pharmacy Disciplines Act, including drugs listed in The Prescription Drug List to the Food and Drug Regulations.</p> <p>Note: this includes drugs in the CDSA, which require a prescription (excluding exempted codeine products)</p> | <p>Written or verbal prescription from practitioner. Verbal prescriptions must be reduced to writing by a pharmacist showing date, prescription number, patient's name and address, name and quantity of drug(s), directions for use, prescriber's name, name and initials of pharmacist, and number of refills (if any).</p> | <p>Repeats may be authorized on original prescription whether written or verbal, but authorization must be for a specific number of refills.</p> <p>"PRN" is not valid authority for repeats.</p> <p>**Refer to the Prescription Review Program Gabapentin and Chloral Hydrate are Prescription Drugs monitored by the PRP program. All prescriptions for these drugs must be in writing, including the patients DOB, HSN and quantity in numeric and alphabetic (last requirement exempt if Rx is faxed)</p> | <p>No entries required in Narcotic Register. Prescriptions filed in regular file and must be retained for at least two years from date of last fill or refill.</p> | <p>Prescriptions for Gabapentin and Choral Hydrate – written prescriptions are required for all PRP drugs. In Saskatchewan, all PRP drugs must be in writing, including the patients DOB, HSN and total quantity in writing and alphabetically (last requirement exempt if Rx is faxed).</p> <p>No refills are permitted. A smaller portion of a total quantity may be dispensed at designated intervals.</p> |

TRANSFER OF PRESCRIPTIONS

Only prescriptions for **Prescription Drugs in the Prescription Drugs List** may be transferred from one pharmacist to another at the request of a patient. Prescriptions for Narcotic and Controlled Drugs may **NOT** be transferred. Prescriptions for Benzodiazepines and other targeted substances may only be transferred **ONCE**. *** it is unethical to refuse or interfere in the transfer of a prescription except when it is in the best interest of the patient**

- The pharmacist receiving the transferred prescription shall indicate:
1. the name of the pharmacist transferring the prescription;
 2. the name and address of the pharmacy transferring the prescription;
 3. the number of authorized repeats remaining, if any;
 4. the date of the last fill or refill.

- When a prescription is transferred, the original prescription shall remain on file, and on it shall be entered:
1. the date of the transfer;
 2. an indication that no further sales nor transfers may be made under the prescription (i.e. the word "VOID");
 3. the name of the pharmacy and pharmacist to whom the prescription was transferred;
 4. the patient profile, manual or electronic, must also indicate the prescription is "VOID."

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