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Re: Notification of the Scheduling of Tramadol

Dear RPIC,

Effective August 18, 2014, Tramadol is a Schedule IV Controlled Dangerous Substance in the State of New Jersey based on the recent federal Drug Enforcement Agency (“DEA”) Final Rule placing Tramadol in Schedule IV.

As a Schedule IV Controlled Dangerous Substance, Tramadol is now subject to the prescription requirements in N.J.A.C. 13:45H-7.13 & 7.14, which preclude a pharmacy from filling or refilling a prescription more than six months after the date on which the prescription was issued. In addition, the prescription cannot be refilled more than five times.

In accordance with the New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substances rule N.J.A.C. 13:45H-5.8 and federal requirements, on August 18, 2014, every CDS registrant was required to take an inventory of all stock of Tramadol on hand. Also going forward, CDS registrants must keep records of Tramadol on hand and include Tramadol in the biennial inventory made pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:45H-5.7.

Pharmacies must begin reporting the dispensing of Tramadol to the New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-45 et. seq.

For additional information, please visit:

The Drug Control Unit: <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/drug/>

Board of Pharmacy: <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pharm/>

Prescription Monitoring Program: <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pmp/>

Sincerely,

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