

From: OK State Board of Pharmacy
Sent: Friday, April 13, 12:30 PM
Subject: Important Clarification from the OK State Pharmacy Board

This is a courtesy email sent for clarification on 2 issues that have

been brought to the attention of Pharmacy Board Staff-

1. How to Handle Schedule 2 CDS Prescriptions When the Entire Quantity is Not Covered by Insurance

For example:

Prescription is written for 180 Hydrocodone and the insurance will only provide coverage for 120.

You can no longer fill the prescription for 120 on insurance coverage and fill the other 60 on cash. You would only be able to fill the 120 on insurance OR 180 all as cash. The Board has allowed this in the past, but you can no longer do this. The DEA states that you cannot assign 2 prescription numbers to the same prescription. The OBNDD does not allow partial filling on Schedule II prescriptions except for Long Term Care Facility patients and Hospice patients.

DEA DOES allow physicians to issue multiple prescriptions for the same drug on the same day, but OBNDD does NOT allow physicians to issue multiple prescriptions for the same drug on the same day.

DEA allows a pharmacy to partial fill a Schedule II prescription for up to 30 days from the date of issuance for patients that are not Long Term Care Facility patients or Hospice patients.

OBNDD does not have a corresponding law or rule at this time. However, there is pending legislation addressing this situation. If passed, this would become effective November 1, 2018.

To remedy this scenario for now, the physician needs to issue 1 prescription for 120 and another prescription at a later date for the remaining 60 if total quantity of 180 is necessary.

2. Drug Abuse Treatment Act- Waived Physicians

18.13 Drug Abuse Treatment Act-Waived Physicians: According to Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regulations, a prescription for Buprenorphine containing products must contain the prescribing practitioner's federal DEA number and the practitioner's "X" DEA number, which denotes prescribing authority for these types of drugs. If either DEA number is missing, a pharmacy cannot fill the prescription until it is added. A pharmacist can add the DEA or "X" DEA number with or without confirming the prescription with the practitioner.

Clarification

: This statement applies to Buprenorphine for addiction treatment only. If Buprenorphine is being used for pain, then the additional "X" DEA number is not needed.

*If you have any questions regarding the information above, please call the Pharmacy Board Office during normal business hours and request to speak to an Inspector.

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