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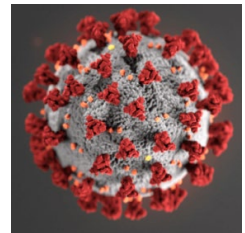


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The mission of Drug Enforcement Administrations (DEA), Diversion Control Division is to prevent, detect, and investigate the diversion of controlled pharmaceuticals and listed chemicals from legitimate sources while ensuring an adequate and uninterrupted supply for legitimate medical, commercial, and scientific needs.

During this National Emergency the Diversion Control Division will continue to work with our Federal partners, DEA registrants, and their representative association to assure that there is an adequate supply of controlled substances in the United States. The DEA will also work to assure that patients will have access to controlled substances.



National Drug Supply

The DEA is unaware of any shortages of controlled substances at this time. DEA is working with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on monitoring the supply of controlled substance availability during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please see the link to the FDA's website www.fda.gov for more information on FDA's response.

If you are a patient who uses controlled substances, you should know that DEA works closely with all registrants to ensure consistent supply and assist with appropriate emergency response. Our mission is to ensure an adequate, uninterrupted supply of controlled substances, within a closed system of distribution.

DEA is in touch with controlled substance manufacturers, distributors, and importers, and is unaware of any drug shortages at this time. If you are a DEA registered manufacturer, distributor, or importer of controlled substances and are having issues with your supply chain, please contact your local field office, or email DEA at: Natural.Disaster@usdoj.gov

Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substance (EPCS)

DEA Policy: [Questions and Answers for Prescribing Practitioners \(EPCS\)](#)

DEA Guidance: [Use of Mobile Devices in the Issuance of EPCS](#)

Telemedicine

On January 31, 2020, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services issues a public health emergency ([HHS Public Health Emergency Declaration](#)).

Question: Can telemedicine now be used under the conditions outlined in Title 21, United States Code (U.S.C.), [Section 802\(54\)\(D\)](#)?

Answer: Yes

While a prescription for a controlled substance issued by means of the Internet (including telemedicine) must generally be predicated on an in-person medical evaluation ([21 U.S.C. 829\(e\)](#)), the Controlled Substances Act contains certain exceptions to this requirement. One such exception occurs when the Secretary of Health and Human Services has declared a public health emergency under 42 U.S.C. 247d (section 319 of the Public Health Service Act), as set forth in 21 U.S.C. 802(54)(D). Secretary Azar declared such a public health emergency with regard to COVID-19 on January 31, 2020. (<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/01/31/secretary-azar-declares-public-health-emergency-us-2019-novel-coronavirus.html>). For as long as the Secretary's designation of a public health emergency remains in effect, DEA-registered practitioners may issue prescriptions for controlled substances to patients for whom they have not conducted an in-person medical evaluation, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- The prescription is issued for a legitimate medical purpose by a practitioner acting in the usual course of his/her professional practice
- The telemedicine communication is conducted using an audio-visual, real-time, two-way interactive communication system.
- The practitioner is acting in accordance with applicable Federal and State law.

Provided the practitioner satisfies the above requirements, the practitioner may issue the prescription using any of the methods of prescribing currently available and in the manner set forth in the DEA regulations. Thus, the practitioner may issue a prescription either electronically (for schedules II-V) or by calling in an emergency schedule II prescription to the pharmacy, or by calling in a schedule III-V prescription to the pharmacy.

Important note: If the prescribing practitioner has previously conducted an in-person medical evaluation of the patient, the practitioner may issue a prescription for a controlled substance after having communicated with the patient via telemedicine, or any other means, regardless of whether a public

health emergency has been declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, so long as the prescription is issued for a legitimate medical purpose and the practitioner is acting in the usual course of his/her professional practice. In addition, for the prescription to be valid, the practitioner must comply with any applicable State laws.

Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT)

DEA Guidance: Exemption Allowing Alternate Delivery Methods for OTPs

DEA Guidance: Use of Telemedicine While Providing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): OTP Update Page

SAMHSA: COVID-19 Guidance for Opioid Treatment Programs

Important Federal Links

Government Response to Coronavirus, COVID-19

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Department of Health and Human Services

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

DEA Significant Guidance Document Portal

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Coronavirus.gov

Important State Links

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Alabama Board of Medical Examiners & Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama

Alabama Board of Pharmacy

Alabama Emergency Management Agency

Alaska

Alaska State Medical Board

Alaska State Pharmacy Board

Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Arizona

Arizona Medical Board

Arizona State Board of Pharmacy

Arizona Department of Homeland Security

Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs

Arkansas

Arkansas State Medical Board

Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy

Arkansas Division of Emergency Management

California

Medical Board of California

California State Board of Pharmacy

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Colorado

Colorado Medical Board

Colorado State Pharmacy Board

Colorado Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Connecticut

Connecticut Medical Examining Board

The Connecticut Commission of Pharmacy

Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Delaware

Delaware Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline

Delaware Board of Pharmacy

Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security

Delaware Emergency Management Agency

District of Columbia

District of Columbia Medical Board/Board of Health

District of Columbia Pharmacy Board

District of Columbia Emergency Management Services

Florida

Florida Board of Medicine

Florida Board of Pharmacy

Florida Division of Emergency Management

Georgia

Georgia Composite Medical Board

Georgia Board of Pharmacy

Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Hawaii

Hawaii Medical Board

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Hawaii Emergency Management Agency

Idaho

Idaho Board of Medicine

Idaho State Board of Pharmacy

Idaho Office of Emergency Management

Illinois

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation – State Medical Licensing Board

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Kansas Department of Emergency Management

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