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TO: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS – STATE BOARDS OF PHARMACY
FROM: Lemrey “Al” Carter, Executive Director/Secretary
DATE: August 22, 2022
RE: DEA Policy on Schedule II Controlled Substance Prescriptions

NABP would like to update the boards of pharmacy regarding the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) policy on pharmacist annotations for Schedule II controlled substance prescriptions. The following information was provided by DEA.

In the past few months, DEA has received an increasing number of questions concerning pharmacists’ ability to add or modify information—like a patient’s address—on paper prescriptions. To address these questions, DEA has been reviewing the relevant regulations and working to draft new regulations to address this issue. As an interim measure, pharmacists are permitted to adhere to state regulations or policy regarding those changes that a pharmacist may make to a schedule II prescription after oral consultation with the prescriber.

Further communication will be forthcoming from DEA in the future.

cc: NABP Executive Committee