

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SCHEDULE II PRESCRIBING LAW

HB 488, now Public Act 96-0166, effectively brings Illinois into compliance with federal law. Prescribers of Schedule II medications can provide individual patients with multiple prescriptions for the same Schedule II medications to be filled sequentially. This permits patients to receive multiple prescriptions during one visit which will allow the patient, over time, to receive up to a 90-day supply of the Schedule II medication.

Requirements:

1. Prescriber must provide written instructions on each prescription indicating the earliest date on which a pharmacy may fill each prescription.
2. The prescriptions cannot be post-dated. Each prescription must be dated as of, and signed on, the date when issued.

Examples:

Rx 1:

JANE DOE Today's Date
DOB/Age Address

Methylphenidate 10 mg
Sig: one 3 times daily
Disp # 90
NO REFILL

_____ MD DEA# _____

Rx 2

JANE DOE Today's Date
DOB/Age Address

FILL ON OR AFTER TODAY'S DATE +30 DAYS

Methylphenidate 10 mg
Sig: one 3 times daily
Disp # 90
NO REFILL

_____ MD DEA# _____

Rx 3:

JANE DOE Today's Date

DOB/Age Address

FILL ON OR AFTER TODAY'S DATE +60 DAYS

Methylphenidate 10 mg

Sig: one 3 times daily

Disp # 90

NO REFILL

_____ MD DEA# _____