Prescribers and Prescribing Authority

Prescribing of Controlled Substances Requires a DEA Registration Number

Practitioner	C-II	CIII- CV	Legend Drugs	Contraception	Nicotine Cessation	Anxiolytics	Weight Loss	Controlled Substances to Family Members
Physician (MD/DO)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (emergency only)
Dentist (DDS)	Yes (oral use only)	Yes (oral use only)	Yes (oral use only)	No	Yes	Yes (for dental visit only)	No	Yes (dental emergency only)
Optometrist (OD) [‡]	No	Yes (select medications For ocular use only)	Yes (ocular use only)	No	No	No	No	Yes (ophthalmic emergency only)
Podiatrist (DPM) [‡]	Yes (foot use only)	Yes (foot and ankle use only)	Yes (foot and ankle use only)	No	No	Yes (for foot and ankle use only)	No	Yes (foot or ankle emergency only)
Physician Assistant (PA- C)+	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes* (emergency only)
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) ^{‡+}	Yes**	Yes**	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (emergency only)
Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) +	Yes#	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (OB/GYN emergency only)

For more detailed requirements on prescribing – please see the bottom section of http://www.papharmacists.com/gov_regulations_PA.htm

^{*} Physician Assistants may only prescribe when delegated to do so by a physician (MD or DO)

** CRNP limited to 30 days on CII and 90 days on CIII-V

CNM may only prescribe a maximum 72 hours supply on CII and 30 days on CIII – V (see reference chart for specifics)

+ See reference chart for a list of allowable prescribed drugs

⁺ Protocol with physician required