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NEW BUSINESS

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2/18/2020 Illinois Pharmacists Association
(Date) (Organization)

Subject: Transfer of Schedule III-V prescriptions for Purposes of Initial Fill as well as Refill

Motion: APhA should adopt the following policy language:

APhA supports that the DEA update and amend Section IX (Valid Prescription Requirements) of the DEA's Manual and relevant administration rules concerning that a pharmacy can only transfer for "the purpose of a refill dispensing between pharmacies" to also include for the purposes of an initial fill.

Background:

Some states allow the transfer of schedule 3-5 for an initial fill as well as a refill. There are times when it is necessary to transfer an initial fill of a schedule 3-5 prescription (out of stock, insurance limits, etc) and not being able to do this limits access to the patient, delays therapy, and also can cause multiple prescriptions at multiple pharmacies. The Illinois Pharmacists Association has asked for clarification on this multiple times and has received zero response.

Current Language: **Transfer of Schedules III-V Prescription Information**

A DEA registered pharmacy may transfer original prescription information for schedules III, IV, and V controlled substances to another DEA registered pharmacy **for the purpose of refill dispensing between pharmacies**, on a one time basis only. However, pharmacies electronically sharing a real-time, online database may transfer up to the maximum refills permitted by law and the prescriber's authorization.

Current APhA Policy & Bylaws: none

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