

*Title:* COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:  
Verbal Prescriptions for Schedule II Medications

Policy No. I.D.16

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1. The DEA's rules for emergency verbal prescriptions for medications listed in Schedule II are found in 21 CFR 1306.11(d). Item (4) within that rule requires the practitioner issuing an emergency verbal prescription to cause a written prescription to be delivered to the dispensing pharmacy within 7 days.
  2. The DEA issued a waiver on March 28, which remains effective for the duration of the public health emergency, to require the delivery of the emergency prescription to the dispensing pharmacy within 15 days instead of 7 days; and further, permits the prescribing practitioner to fax or scan the prescription to the dispensing pharmacy and retain the original written document in the patient's chart.
  3. The Board President took note of the Board's corresponding rule in §2745.F.1.f, and granted the same waiver for the duration of the public health emergency unless terminated sooner by the DEA.
  4. During their November 18, 2020 meeting, the members voted to extend this interim policy until the conclusion of the public health emergency unless terminated sooner.