

Prescribers with Authority for Controlled Substances

Independent Practitioners

Physicians (whether allopathic [M.D.] or osteopathic [D.O.]), **surgeons**, and **podiatrists** [D.P.M.] are licensed and regulated in this state by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. They have been authorized by the legislature to prescribe controlled substances; that authorization is evident in the Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) permit issued to them by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy. With a CDS permit, the practitioner may then apply to the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to obtain a DEA registration. In most cases, these registrations include the authority to prescribe drugs in Schedules II, II-N, III, III-N, IV, and V. You may verify the status of any CDS license by accessing the Board of Pharmacy's website at www.pharmacy.la.gov. Select the CDS link and then the license verification link.

- You should contact the Board of Medical Examiners [(504) 568-6820 or at www.lsbme.louisiana.gov] or the DEA [(504) 840-1100] to verify the status of a credential before making any decisions based on this information.

When the Board of Medical Examiners deems it appropriate to discipline a license issued by their agency, the terms of the discipline may – or may not – affect the personal CDS privileges held by the practitioner. In the event the disciplinary action restricts the personal CDS privileges for some period of time, the Board of Pharmacy will convert the status of the prescriber's personal CDS license to RESTRICTED / ON PROBATION. Typically, the restriction will prohibit the practitioner from prescribing drugs listed in one or more schedules. Occasionally, the restriction may limit the prescriber to certain specific drugs within certain schedules.

When the medical board deems it appropriate, the disciplinary terms may restrict the prescriber's personal CDS privileges, and then grant an alternative privilege – by authorizing the prescriber to practice, without restriction, under the authority of a hospital or other facility's DEA registration number. When a facility elects to authorize a prescriber to practice under its own DEA registration, the facility shall assign a suffix number specific to each prescriber so authorized. When a prescriber generates a prescription under the authority of the facility's DEA registration number, then the prescriber shall record the facility's DEA registration number + the prescriber's suffix on the prescription form, as opposed to the prescriber's personal DEA registration number. The pharmacist dispensing that prescription shall record the DEA registration + suffix combination in the pharmacy's prescription dispensing record.

The status of any CDS license may be verified at the Board of Pharmacy's website, at www.pharmacy.la.gov. In the event there are restrictions on the prescriber's personal CDS privileges or any alternative privileges in place, that information will be noted on the website.

Dentists and oral surgeons [D.D.S.] are licensed and regulated in this state by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. They have been authorized by the legislature to prescribe controlled substances. In most cases, the DEA registrations include the authority to prescribe drugs in Schedules II, II-N, III, III-N, IV, and V.

- If you have any questions concerning the status of a credential issued by this agency, you should contact them directly at (504) 568-8574 or www.lsbdo.org.

Veterinarians [D.V.M.] are licensed and regulated in this state by the Louisiana State Board of Veterinary Medicine. They have been authorized by the legislature to prescribe controlled substances. In most cases, the DEA registrations include the authority to prescribe drugs in Schedules II, II-N, III, III-N, IV, and V.

- If you have any questions concerning the status of a credential issued by this agency, you should contact them directly at (225) 342-2176 or www.lsbvm.org.

Optometrists [O.D.] are licensed and regulated in this state by the Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners. They have been authorized by the legislature to prescribe controlled substances. In most cases, the DEA registrations include the authority to prescribe drugs in Schedules II, II-N, III, III-N, IV, and V.

- If you have any questions concerning the status of a credential issued by this agency, you should contact them directly at (318) 335-2989 or lsboe@yahoo.com.

Mid-Level Practitioners

Advance practice registered nurses (A.P.R.N.), also known as **nurse practitioners**, are licensed and regulated in this state by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing. They have been authorized by the legislature to prescribe controlled substances. In some cases, the DEA registrations include the authority to prescribe drugs in Schedules II, II-N, III, III-N, IV, and V.

- If you have any questions concerning the status of any credential issued by this agency, you should contact them at (225) 763-3570 or www.lsbm.state.la.us.

Physician assistants (P.A.) are licensed and regulated in this state by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. They have been authorized by the legislature to enter into supervisory relationships with physicians. The supervising physician may authorize the physician assistant to prescribe controlled substances within the parameters of their relationship. In some cases, the DEA registrations include the authority to prescribe drugs in Schedules II, II-N, III, III-N, IV, or V.

- If you have any questions concerning the status of a physician assistant credential issued by the Board of Medical Examiners, you should contact them at (504) 568-6820 or www.lsbme.louisiana.gov.

Medical psychologists [M.P.] are licensed and regulated in this state by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. They have been authorized by the legislature to prescribe controlled substances. In most cases, the DEA registrations include the authority to prescribe drugs in Schedules II-N, III, III-N, IV, and V. Psychologists may prescribe medications recognized and customarily used for mental and emotional disorders; however, they shall not prescribe any narcotics.

- If you have any questions concerning the status of a credential issued by the Board of Medical Examiners, you should contact them directly at (504) 568-6820 or www.lsbme.louisiana.gov.