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Information Regarding the Healthcare Facility New Jersey Prescription Blanks

Please be advised that, due to changes to the laws governing the prescription authority for Optometrists and Physician Assistants, the New Jersey Prescription Blanks Program revised the Healthcare Facility (HCF) New Jersey Prescription Blank (NJPB).

The revised HCF prescription blank reflects modified language in the warning box and the removal of the PRT and SPD boxes. Specifically, the modified language makes it clear that the Optometrists may use the HCF blank to issue prescriptions for Schedule III, IV, V, and Schedule II Hydrocodone-containing products.

Through **March 31, 2017**, practitioners may write valid prescriptions on either the old or the new healthcare facility prescription blanks. Patient prescriptions originally written/issued on or before March 31, 2017 should be filled pursuant to the guidelines set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39-7.3 for non-Controlled Dangerous Substances (non-CDS) and N.J.A.C. 13:45H-7.5 for Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS).

Starting **April 1, 2017**, practitioners must use the new healthcare facility blank to issue prescriptions for their patients.