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LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Notice of Administrative Correction Administrative Rules of the Division of Consumer Affairs New Jersey Uniform Prescription Blanks Program Vendor Requirements New Jersey Prescription Blank (NJPB) Printing Specification

Take notice that the Division of Consumer Affairs has discovered an error in the text of N.J.A.C. 13:45A-27.9(g)2. On November 5, 2012, the Division proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:45A-27.9, changing the prescription blank batch number to a 14-digit unique identifier and adding new paragraph (g)2, which mandated a six-digit order number, of which two digits represented the vendor's prescriber identifier, as part of the 14-digit unique identifier. See 44 N.J.R. 2453(a). Upon adoption of the amendments, effective February 18, 2014, in response to vendor comments, the Division agreed to change the order number in paragraph (g)2 to include the vendor's prescriber identifier as a three-digit number, rather than a two digit-number, to "allow for a sufficient number of unique combinations for vendors to identify each of the licensed prescribers." See 46 N.J.R. 391(a), 394. However, the Division overlooked changing the six-digit order number in paragraph (g)2 to a seven-digit order number based on the change to the vendor prescriber identifier to three digits from two digits. This notice of administrative correction is published pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-2.7.

Full text of the corrected rule follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

13:45A-27.9 Vendor requirements

- (a)-(f) (No change.)
- (g) Vendors shall assign and maintain a unique NJPB 15-digit identifier for each order of NJPBs from a licensed prescriber or licensed healthcare facility. Re-orders of NJPBs shall contain a unique identifier sequentially greater than the unique identifier assigned to any previous order. The 15-digit unique identifier shall consist of:
- 1. (No change.)
- 2. A [six-digit] **seven-digit** order number, of which three digits represent the vendor's prescriber identifier, and four digits that represent the month and year of the printing order; and
- 3. (No change.)
- (h) (No change.)