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## CHAPTER P-6

### PHARMACY ACT

#### CONTINUED CARE PRESCRIPTION REGULATIONS

Made by the Prince Edward Island Pharmacy Board, after consultation with the Council of the Prince Edward Island Pharmacists Association pursuant to section 8 of the *Pharmacy Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-6, and approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council:

**1. In these regulations**

Definitions

(a) “Act” means the *Pharmacy Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-6;

Act

(b) “continued care prescription” means a prescription given by a pharmacist under subsection 2(1);

continued care prescription

(c) “controlled substance” means a substance included in Schedule I, II, III, IV or V of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada);

controlled substance

(d) “dispenser” means a person who is entitled to dispense under the Act;

dispenser

(e) “narcotic” means a narcotic as defined by the Narcotic Control Regulations (Canada);

narcotic

(f) “original prescription” means a prescription referred to in clause 2(1)(a);

original prescription

(g) “prescriber” means

prescriber

(i) a medical practitioner licensed under the *Medical Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. M-5,

(ii) a dentist licensed under the *Dental Profession Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. D-6, or

(ii) a person authorized to give a prescription by the Minister under section 14.1 of the Act. (EC485/09)

**2. (1)** Subject to subsection (2), a pharmacist may give a prescription to a person for a drug, other than a narcotic or a controlled substance, if the following conditions are met:

Prescription by pharmacists, conditions

(a) the person had a prescription, given by a prescriber, for the same drug;

(b) the original prescription has expired or all authorized refills have been dispensed;

(c) it is not reasonably possible for the person to obtain a subsequent prescription for the drug from the prescriber who gave the original

prescription before the original prescription expires or the person finishes the last refill of the original prescription;

(d) the person has an immediate need to continue treatment with the drug;

(e) the original prescription was dispensed at the same pharmacy from which the pharmacist is giving the prescription;

(f) the pharmacist has professional liability insurance with personal coverage in the amount of at least two million dollars;

(g) the pharmacist believes that it is in the best interests of the person to give the person a prescription for the drug, in accordance with

(i) accepted standards of practice as set out in the NAPRA Model Standards of Practice for Canadian Pharmacists,

(ii) the code of ethics established or adopted by the Board, and

(iii) any applicable practice directives established by the Board.

*Idem*

(2) No pharmacist shall give a prescription to a person under subsection (1) for a benzodiazepine drug unless

(a) the person was given the original prescription for the drug for the treatment of a convulsive disorder; or

(b) an unplanned discontinuation of the drug places the person at risk of experiencing a seizure. (EC485/09)

Contents of  
continued  
prescription

**3.** A pharmacist who gives a continued care prescription shall

(a) provide a clear reference on the continued care prescription to the original prescription; and

(b) notify the prescriber who gave the original prescription, orally or in writing, as soon as possible, that a continued care prescription has been given to the person. (EC485/09)

Restrictions

**4.** No pharmacist shall

(a) give a continued care prescription to a person for an amount of a drug that exceeds the amount authorized per refill under the original prescription;

(b) authorize refills of a continued care prescription; or

(c) give consecutive continued care prescriptions to a person for the same drug. (EC485/09)

Dispensing a  
continued care  
prescription

**5.** A dispenser who dispenses a continued care prescription shall record the name of the pharmacist who gave the continued care prescription in the place where the name of the prescriber is to be recorded in the patient record and on the drug container label or multiple drug package label. (EC485/09)

Misconduct

**6.** A contravention of these regulations by a pharmacist or dispenser constitutes improper professional conduct under section 17 of the Act. (EC485/09)