

Recently the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a final rule that rescheduled hydrocodone combination products (HCPs) to Schedule II controlled substances. This rule will become effective on October 6, 2014.

Please be mindful that the State Board of Pharmacy's regulations state that "prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances may not be refilled." 49 Pa. Code § 27.18(j). Additionally, prescriptions for HCPs after October 6, 2014 will be subject to the requirements of 49 Pa. Code § 27.18(b) and all other requirements in the Pharmacy Act and the Board's regulations regarding Schedule II controlled substances including the security requirements of 49 Pa. Code § 27.17.