

AB 474 Governor's Controlled Substance Abuse Prevention - Prescribing Protocols¹

Initial Prescriptions ² *	30 days *	90 days *	Annual *
Establish a bonafide relationship with the patient §53.1.a	Medication Agreement §56.1.a ³	PDMP Review §60.1	Medication agreement- update §56.1.b
Establish a preliminary diagnosis §53.1.c			
PDMP Check §60.1			
Document why a non opioid treatment was not prescribed §53.1.d		Assessment for Risk of Abuse §55.1.a	365 day limit §52.1.a
14 day limit on initial prescription ⁴ §52.2.a			
90 MME limit for opiate naive patients §52.2.b			
Patient Risk Assessment §53.1.b ⁵		Evidence Based Diagnosis §55.1.b	
Informed Consent §53.1.c ⁶		Consideration of referral to specialists, if 90 days at > 90mme §55.1.d	

* The factors listed in §57 are to be considered in order for the physician to make an informed professional judgment concerning the medical appropriateness a prescription.

¹ If prescribing over the 365 day limit, or the 90 day limit, per prescription the prescriber will document in the patient record the reason for prescribing in excess, §52.1

² § 52 provides for a new definition of initial prescription

³ medication agreement requirements contained in §56. 2a-h

⁴ Not more than one refill is allowed before a face to face visit §53.2 AND prescriptions shall not exceed more than 90 day §52.1.b

⁵ risk assessment requirements contained in §54.1.a-d

⁶ informed consent requirement contained in §54.2.a-j

Pill Limits

- 14 days for initial prescriptions
- Prescriptions for controlled substances shall not exceed 90 days.
- A patient shall not receive more than 365 days worth of medication in a consecutive 365 day period.
- No more than 90 morphine milli-equivalent for opiate naïve patients.

New Documentation Requirements for Prescribers

- Informed consent form upon initial prescription
- Medication agreement form

New process requirements for Prescribers

- PDMP check at all initial prescriptions and at 90 days
- Assessment for risk of abuse at 90 days

New Licensure Requirements for Prescribers

- 2 hours of continuing education
- Requirement to enroll in PDMP before receiving Controlled Substance License

New Board Requirements

- Adoption of regulations for 2 hour CEU
- Adoption of regulations for discipline for inappropriate prescribing