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Hydrocodone Combination Products Change to DEA Schedule 2

On August 22, 2014, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) published a final ruling in the Federal Register announcing the rescheduling of Hydrocodone Combination Products from Federal Controlled Substances Schedule III to Schedule II, effective October 6, 2014.

NAC 453.520 of the Nevada Administrative Code has been updated to include hydrocodone as a Schedule II medication.

All available combination hydrocodone products will be affected.

What changes with the Schedule II classification?

1. Hydrocodone prescriptions written after October 6, 2014, will be treated as Schedule II, and will not be allowed to be refilled.
2. Pharmacists will not be able to contact providers to obtain a new prescription by phone or fax.
3. Providers will no longer be able to call or fax prescriptions for hydrocodone-containing medications to the pharmacy. The patient must pick up a brand new prescription from the provider and take the new prescription to the pharmacy.

Please refer to the [Federal Register](#) webpage for more information.