

POLICY CATEGORY:
POLICY FOCUS:

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE POLICY-15
Controlled Drug Substances Signing Authorizations

POLICY STATEMENT(S):

Any pharmacist registered under the full pharmacist registration category will be permitted to sign controlled drug substances orders, provided that the order is invoiced and delivered to a licensed pharmacy. The delegation of controlled drug substances signing authority is not required.

BACKGROUND:

Manufacturers and wholesalers who sell controlled drugs have been urged to purchase the *Registered Pharmacists Directory* to ensure that the signing pharmacist is, in fact, registered in our province.

As long as a pharmacist is registered with the College under the full pharmacist registration category, he or she may sign controlled drug substances orders for any pharmacy in which he or she is practising, and may sign for orders in more than one pharmacy.

Pharmacy managers may exercise their business management authority to develop corporate or individual pharmacy policies and procedures to limit the employee pharmacists who may order controlled drug substances. It is not necessary to register this information with the College.

Although College staff will not be required to check that a signing pharmacist has been reported as being an employee of the pharmacy to which the drugs are to be shipped, pharmacists must still notify the College of their employment sites as they change, in compliance with the Health Professions Act Bylaw 54.

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