



# Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

## ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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**SUBJECT: SCHEDULE II, III, IV, V DRUGS**

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### **POLICY:**

Medications prescribed from the Rancho Formulary that are classified as Schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substances by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) require to be prescribed by using either the Electronic Prescription Controlled Substances (EPCS) system or a tamper-resistant prescription form.

### **PROCEDURE:**

Rancho physicians with DEA numbers shall prescribe control substances via electronic submission by the EPCS system at all times. A tamper-resistant prescription form with a unique serialized number can only be used should a downtime procedure occur. Full-time Rancho physician, fellow, resident, and intern prescribers without DEA numbers, each possessing a valid State license, must use the Department's tamper-resistant prescription forms.

Tamper resistant prescription forms can be obtained by an individual physician by contacting the office of the Chief Medical Officer.

All Department tamper-resistant forms are to be used for Rancho patients only. Under no circumstances can they be used for private practice or personal use.

Physicians may write orders for these drugs for inpatient as they would any other drug. This law does not affect current Facility policy for inpatients.

Consistent with the California Health and Safety Code, Section 11159.2 Schedule II drugs may be written for terminally ill patients on a regular prescription, when the following conditions are met:

1. The prescription is signed and dated by the prescriber and contains the name of the person for whom the Schedule II drug was prescribed, the name and quantity of the Schedule II drug, and directions for use, all in written in ink or indelible pencil in the handwriting of the prescriber.
2. The prescription contains the address of the person for whom the Schedule II drug is prescribed, and the name, address, telephone number, category of professional licensure, and federal controlled substance registration number of the prescriber.
3. The prescription indicates that the prescriber has certified that the patient is terminally ill by the words "11159.2 exemption."

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“Terminally Ill” means:

- a. In the reasonable medical judgment of the prescribing physician, the patient has been determined to be suffering from an illness that is incurable and irreversible.
- b. In the reasonable medical judgment of the prescribing physician, the patient’s illness will, if the illness takes its normal course, bring about the death of the patient within a period of one year.
- c. The patient’s treatment by the physician prescribing the Schedule II controlled substance primarily is for the control of pain, symptom management, or both, rather than for cure of the illness.

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