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TO: ALL PHARMACISTS

FROM: LARRY PINSON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

RE: FILLING OF CII PRESCRIPTIONS

It has been brought to our attention that there is a great deal of confusion regarding the time limit on the filling of a CII prescription. I refer you to NRS 453.431 (4) that states: "A pharmacist shall not fill a prescription for a controlled substance classified in schedule II unless it is **TENDERED** (emphasis added) on or before the 14th day after the date of issue." Hence, if a patient presents a prescription to the pharmacy for a CII drug within 14 days of the date it was written, the pharmacist technically has six months from that written date to fill that prescription, if for some reason the patient does not want it filled right away. Of course, a pharmacist must always use his professional judgment if he doubts the appropriateness of the patient's request. Note: ALL controlled substance prescriptions are no longer valid after six months from the date written.