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# RECENT REGULATORY CHANGES FOR PHARMACIES REGARDING REPORTING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PRESCRIPTIONS FACT SHEET

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## INTRODUCTION

On October 22, 2004, a new regulation became effective changing the obligation for a pharmacy to report its controlled substances prescription data to the Nevada Prescription Controlled Substances Abuse Prevention Task Force (the Task Force) from once a month to twice a month. This Fact Sheet is intended to highlight the most pertinent changes, all of which are presently effective and in force.

## CHANGES TO REPORTING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PRESCRIPTIONS TO THE TASK FORCE

Beginning January 5, 2005, all pharmacies must begin transmitting controlled substances prescription data to the Task Force *BY THE 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH*.

Additionally, if pharmacies are gathering data regarding:

- The prescription type,
- The payment code,
- The identity of the person picking up a prescription,

and the computer system is capable of transmitting that data, then that data must also be transmitted to the Task Force. Definitions for the various data that must be reported, including definitions for the three new types of data, are attached. The Task Force hopes that many of Nevada's pharmacies will be able to transmit the three new pieces of data because

the data will greatly assist the Task Force in detecting fraud.

## ASSISTANCE WITH COMPLIANCE

Questions or concerns regarding compliance should be directed to Atlantic Associates at (888) 492-7341.

Pharmacies will be expected to be in compliance starting with the reporting period due on or before January 5, 2005. A failure to comply may result in administrative action.

The regulation does allow a pharmacy, upon written application and a showing of good cause, to receive an extension of time for compliance with the new regulation. To be considered, the written application and showing of good cause must be received by the Board's Reno office *NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, 2004*.