



Nova Scotia
College of
Pharmacists

Prescribing Renewals – 180 Day Limit

The NSCP has temporarily suspended the 180 days supply restriction for consecutive pharmacist prescribed renewals, in circumstances where the patient is unable to be assessed by their primary care provider.

This provision has been added to *Prescribing Drugs Prescribing in a Public Health Emergency/Crisis (Standards of Practice: Prescribing Drugs - Appendix H)*. This temporary provision will allow pharmacists to exceed the 180 days prescribing limit for renewals during the COVID-19 pandemic for patients who do not have a primary care provider or are unable to access them at this time.

This provision allows pharmacists to better meet the needs of their and supports Public Health's strategy that walk-in clinics and emergency departments be used for essential visits only - with the goal of minimizing risk of disease transmission.