



Nova Scotia
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Pharmacists

Changes to the Nova Scotia Prescription Monitoring Program (NSPMP) and Drug Information System (DIS) to enable pharmacist prescribing of CDSA drugs

The NSPMP Board has approved the following:

- Recognize pharmacists as registered prescribers under the NSPMP Program
- Allow faxed prescriptions and verbal orders for monitored drugs
- Prescriptions are not required to be on a duplicate prescription form**
- Where a signature or electronic equivalent is not feasible/reasonable due to COVID-19 measures, document the name of the individual who picked up the prescription or accepted its delivery

In alignment with the Health Canada subsection 56(l) class exemption, these changes are in effect until September 30, 2021 unless extended or revoked by the NSPMP.

**For clarity, out of province prescribers will still need to be registered with NSPMP and obtain a registration number prior to prescribing narcotics and control products. Pharmacists will need to obtain the NSPMP identification number from the prescriber in order to dispense the prescription. There continues to be a “dummy code” within DIS for out of province prescribers who prescribe a benzodiazepine. Out of province prescribers can [register on the NSPMP website](#).