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AMDA Provides Tip Sheet for Prescribing Controlled Drugs

Abstract: AAHSA and DEA continuing to work to resolve issues related to chart orders.

As outlined in an earlier NYAHS newsflash ([n00004685](#)), the DEA is studying current long-term care practices on controlled drugs and the restrictions on who may order these drugs. Currently, a nurse cannot act as an agent for the prescriber. There is concern that under current DEA regulations, long-term care residents might face significant delays in receiving needed controlled medications. While AAHSA and the DEA continue to work on this issue, AMDA has developed a *Tip Sheet on Prescribing for Controlled Substances in Long Term Care*. The document is designed to assist physicians and other prescribers in their efforts to ensure proper controlled substances prescribing in long term care, and deal with aggressive enforcement actions by Drug Enforcement Administration agents.” The document can be accessed directly from the AMDA Web site, www.amda.com.

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