

Reminder on Controlled Substance Prescription Blanks

The Office of Inspector General would like to remind all practitioners of the requirements set out in 902 KAR 55:105 Controlled substance prescriptions blanks.

With the advancement of computer generated prescription blanks and new CMS tamper-resistant requirements, the OIG has received several calls about the compliance of certain controlled security blanks recently. As a reminder, all practitioners in Kentucky are mandated by law to utilize a security prescription blank when prescribing a controlled substance while practicing within the Commonwealth.

Please use the diagram below to assist in determining if your controlled substance prescription blanks meet all of the requirements established in 902 KAR 55:105. Please note this is for controlled substance prescription blanks ONLY.

Federal law requires prescriber name, address, telephone number & DEA Registration Number

The diagram shows a prescription blank with the following elements and callouts:

- Dimensions:** A callout on the left states "Rx is 4 1/4 inches high and 5 1/2 inches wide".
- Header:** Contains a circular area for an "Optional logo here", prescriber information for "Dr. John Doe, M.D." (123 Practice Avenue, Lexington, KY 00000-0000, Lic. # 00000000, DEA # 0000000000), and a large "Rx" watermark.
- Callout:** A blue arrow points to the "Rx" watermark with the text: "3/4 inch opaque 'Rx' symbol that is 1/8 inch from top, & 5/16 inch from side that disappears if prescription is lightened".
- Form Fields:** Includes lines for "Name", "Address", and "Date".
- Refill Options:** A callout on the left states "Refill options on left Side in this order". The form has a "Refill" section with checkboxes for 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
- Quantity Check-off:** A list of quantity ranges with checkboxes: 1-24, 25-49, 50-74, 75-100, 101-150, and 151 and over. A callout on the right states "6 quantity check-off boxes (location not specific)".
- VOID Pattern:** A callout states: "A latent, repetitive 'VOID' pattern at 5% in pantone green printed across the script. If copied, 'VOID' appears in pattern across entire script." This pattern is visible in the background of the form.
- Bottom Statement:** A callout on the right points to the bottom of the form with the text: "This statement must be at bottom of blank". The statement reads: "Prescription is void if more than one (1) prescription is written per blank".

Printed watermark on back of prescription blank: "Kentucky Security Prescription" only seen at 45° angle. Watermark appears horizontally in 5 step-and repeat lines in a 12 pt Helvetica Bold type.

Additional guidance regarding controlled substance prescriptions:

- ❖ A controlled substance prescription may **NOT** be pre-printed or written, typed or rubber stamped with the name of the controlled substance until issued to patient.
- ❖ All prescriptions shall be dated and signed by the practitioner **on the date issued**.

If the prescription is sent via fax (schedule III-V):

- ❖ Prior to transmission, the practitioner or practitioner's agent shall write or stamp "FAXED" on the face of the original prescription along with the date and the person's initials.
- ❖ The original prescription shall be filed in the patient's record.

Please note this is not an all exclusive list. Please refer to 902 KAR 55:105, 21CFR§1306.05, and KRS 217.216 for further details. If you have questions, please call the Drug Enforcement and Professional Practices Branch at (502) 564-7985.