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2.4 . b. Definitions.

(6) The words "electronic prescribing" or E-prescribing" shall mean the electronic entry of a prescription by a practitioner, the secure electronic transmission of the prescription to a pharmacy, the receipt of an electronic message by the pharmacy and E-prescription renewal requests sent electronically by the pharmacy to the practitioner. Electronic transmissions may be computer to computer or computer to facsimile.

2.4 h. Prescription Guidelines - All Medications.

(1) In addition to any other requirements set forth in these regulations pertaining to the issuance of prescriptions of controlled substances, the following additional requirements apply to all prescriptions of controlled substances, whether or not said prescriptions are for controlled substances, legend drugs or any other medication:

(a) Every written prescription delivered to a patient, or delivered to any other person on behalf of a patient, must be manually signed on the date of issuance by the nurse practitioner. Electronic prescription transmissions are allowed using standards established and approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (HHS-AHRQ). This does not prohibit, however, the transmission of ~~electronically~~ electronic prescriptions and telefaxed (but not E-Mail) prescriptions for non-controlled drugs to the pharmacy of the patient's choice. Such telefaxed or electronic prescriptions ~~shall bear the signature~~ shall be authorized by a written or electronic signature of the prescribing nurse practitioner and shall be issued in accordance with all other provisions of this section. No prescriptions for brand name of generic equivalents of nalbuphine HCl, carisoprodol, butalbital compounds, or tramadol HCl shall be telefaxed or electronically transmitted.