

## Transferring Controlled Substance Prescriptions

- ▶ In early 2017, many chain store pharmacies were refusing to transfer controlled substance prescriptions that had never been filled (were “on hold”) in their system. What’s up with that?
- ▶ DEA *Pharmacist’s Manual (2010)*

“A DEA registered pharmacy may transfer original prescription information for schedules III, IV, and V controlled substances to another DEA registered pharmacy *for the purpose of **refill dispensing** between pharmacies*, on a one time basis only. However, pharmacies electronically sharing a real- time, on-line database may transfer up to the maximum refills permitted by law and the prescriber’s authorization.”

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From Drug Enforcement Administration website: [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/manuals/pharm2/pharm\\_manual.pdf](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/manuals/pharm2/pharm_manual.pdf). 2010:37. Accessed December 28, 2017.

## Transferring Controlled Substance Prescriptions (continued)

- ▶ NABP/AACP District 6, 7, 8 Meeting: October 11, 2017
  - ▶ Slide from James Arnold, Chief, Liaison and Policy, Diversion Control Division, DEA

-  **Transfer (Forwarding) of Script**
- **Electronic EPCS** prescriptions Schedule 2-5 **can** be transferred
  - **Refills** for Schedule 3-5 **can** be transferred.
  - **Original C2 -C5 (Paper, Faxed, or Oral)** prescriptions **cannot** be transferred.

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