



Physician Signature MEMORANDUM

December 23, 2014

Subsequent to Regulation changes by the Virginia Board of Pharmacy and Office of EMS, the pharmacies of the WVEMS Council region, met to establish policy regarding when signatures would be required. Signatures will be required for all Schedule II thru V (Controlled Substances) medications. Those medications carried in the Regional Drug Boxes that fall into this classification are; midazolam, fentanyl and morphine.

Effective Immediately a medical practitioner's (Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner) signature will be required **ONLY** for administration of fentanyl, midazolam or morphine or any other medication administration that required online orders.

A **Pharmacy Administration Record - Physician Order Form** (which should be in the Drug Box) will still need to be completed for administration of all medications from the Regional Drug Box, as has been in the past. Only if you administer a **Controlled Substance**, or receive **Online Orders** will you need a signature on the form. If the pharmacy requires a copy of the PPCR, please continue to supply it.

Any questions should be directed to your WVEMS Field Coordinator.