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ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT #5

CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR SCHEDULE II AND III PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY FOR CURRENT LICENSEES

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2504(A)(11), the Board has the authority to certify licensees who meet certain requirements to prescribe schedule II and III controlled substances. Currently, the Board has the authority to certify licensees to prescribe for up to 30 days. HB2250, passed during the most recent legislative session, amended § 32-2504(A)(11) to allow the Board to certify licensees to prescribe schedule II and III controlled substances that are not opioids or benzodiazepines for up to 90 days. This change is effective October 1, 2018. The purpose of this Substantive Policy Statement is to provide clarification regarding the Board's interpretation of the effect of this change on current licensees.

With regard to all current licensees who were previously certified to prescribe schedule II and III controlled substances for up to 30 days, the Board interprets this statutory change as follows.

As of October 1, 2018, if a licensee was previously certified by the Board pursuant to § 32-2504(A)(11) to prescribe schedule II and III controlled substances for up to 30 days, the licensee will be authorized to prescribe schedule II and III controlled substances that are not opioids or benzodiazepines for up to 90 days.