

21 NCAC 46 .1809 EMERGENCY PRESCRIPTION REFILLS

In the event a pharmacist or device and medical equipment permit holder receives a request for a prescription refill and the pharmacist or permit holder is unable to obtain refill authorization from the prescriber, the pharmacist or permit holder may dispense a one-time emergency refill of up to a 30 day supply of the prescribed medication, provided that:

- (1) The prescription is not for a Schedule II controlled substance;
- (2) The medication is essential to the maintenance of life or to the continuation of therapy in a chronic condition;
- (3) In the pharmacist's or permit holder's professional judgment, the interruption of therapy might reasonably produce undesirable health consequences;
- (4) The dispensing pharmacist or permit holder creates a written order containing all of the prescription information required by Section .2300 of these Rules and signs that order;
- (5) The dispensing pharmacist or permit holder notifies the prescriber or the prescriber's office of the emergency dispensing within 72 hours after such dispensing.

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