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Dear NJ Pharmacist:

There seems to be a misunderstanding among some pharmacists in the state, that Executive Order #112 which waived the requirement that APNs must prescribe medications in accordance with a joint protocol with a licensed physician, has been suspended. This is not the case. Executive Order #112 continues to be in place, and APNs continue to be allowed to prescribe, independent of a collaborating physician.

Executive Order (EO) #292 issued 3/4/22, ended the public health emergency on 3/7/22, except for Executive and Administrative Orders which continue to be suspended, per Executive Order #103. Therefore, EO #112, waiving APN Joint Protocol requirements for prescribing continue to be in place, indefinitely, until Governor Murphy permanently ends them.

Department of Health Commissioner Judy Persichilli issued the following announcement on March 4, 2022:

“Executive Order (EO) No. 292 terminates the Public Health Emergency declared in EO No. 280, effective on Monday, March 7. The State of Emergency declared in EO No. 103 will remain in place to ensure that the State continues to have necessary resources as COVID-19 is managed on an endemic level. It is common practice for states of emergency for major crises to remain in place to allow the State to receive and distribute federal funding without any unnecessary red tape or bureaucratic obstacles, as exemplified by Governor Christie’s State of Emergency declaration for Superstorm Sandy, which remains in effect to this day.

Additionally, EO Nos. 111, 112, 207, 252, 253, 283, and 290 remain in full force and effect under the State of Emergency...”

To stay up to date on this matter, please consult the New Jersey Drug Control Unit <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/dcu/Pages/alerts.aspx>

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should I be able to provide you with clarification regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

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