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Dear Electronic Prescribing Waiver Requestor:

As of March 27, 2016, practitioners must electronically prescribe both controlled and non-controlled substances. Current Department of Health (DOH)-approved waivers from the requirement to electronically prescribe will expire on March 26, 2017. Practitioners requiring a waiver after March 26, 2017, must submit a new request which includes an updated statement of facts describing the continuing circumstances supporting the waiver. Beginning December 27, 2016, a renewal request can be submitted for review to the DOH Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE).

Please note, practitioners who no longer need a waiver are required by law to notify BNE, within five business days of gaining the capability to issue an electronic prescription.

Practitioners issuing less than 25 prescriptions per year for both controlled and non-controlled substances combined should submit a certification (DOH-5221) in lieu of a waiver request. Unlike a waiver request, a certification does not require DOH approval. It is a simpler process which only requires a practitioner's attestation and upon submission, allows low-volume prescribers (25 prescriptions or less per year) to continue to issue paper prescriptions.

To request a new waiver or to submit a certification online, log into the Health Commerce System at: <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us> and access the "Electronic Prescribing Waivers" (EPW) application. If you need to request a paper form, please call 1-866-811-7957. Additional information regarding electronic prescribing can be found on our website at www.health.ny.gov/professionals/narcotic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joshua S. Vinciguerra".

Joshua S. Vinciguerra
Director
Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement