by the Department under this subheading to manufacture, distribute or dispense controlled dangerous substances are authorized to possess, manufacture, distribute, or dispense such substances (including any such activity in the conduct of research) to the extent authorized by their registration and in conformity with the other provisions of this subheading.

(f) The Department shall register an applicant to manufacture or distribute controlled dangerous substances included in Schedules I through [IV of Article II of this subheading] *V* unless the Department determines that the issuance of such registration is inconsistent with the public interest. In determining the public interest, the following factors shall be considered:

(1) maintenance of effective controls against diversion of particular controlled dangerous substances and any Schedule I or II substance compounded therefrom into other than legitimate medical, scientific, or industrial channels.

(2) compliance with applicable State, Federal, and local law;

(3) prior conviction record of applicant under Federal, State, and local laws relating to the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of such substances.

(4) past experience in the manufacture and distribution of controlled dangerous substances, and the existence in the establishment of effective controls against diversion; and

(5) such other factors as may be relevant to and consistent with the public health and safety.

(h) Practitioners shall be registered by the Department to dispense *any controlled* substances *or to conduct research with controlled substances* in Schedule II through [IV] *V* if they are authorized to dispense *or conduct research* under the laws of this State. [A registration application by a practitioner who wishes to conduct research with Schedule I substances shall be referred to the Department for advice. Registration for the purpose of bona fide research with Schedule I substances by a practitioner deemed qualified by the Department may be denied only on a ground specified in Section 282 (a) as amended from time to time, or on the ground that the applicant's past practice or proposed procedures furnish grounds for the belief that the applicant will abuse or unlawfully transfer such substances or fail to safeguard adequately his supply of such substances against diversion from legitimate medical or scientific use.] *The Department need not require separate registration under this section for practitioners engaging in research with non-narcotic controlled substances in Schedules II through V where the registrant is already registered under this section in another capacity. Practitioners registered under Federal law to conduct research with Schedule I substances may conduct research with Schedule I substances within this State upon furnishing the Department evidence of that Federal registration.*

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(c) Before taking action pursuant to this section or pursuant to a denial of registration *or to a refusal of renewal of registration* under Section 281, the Department shall serve upon the applicant or