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(a) *Persons required to register annually.*—Every person who manufactures, distributes, or dispenses any controlled dangerous substance within the State or who proposes to engage in the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of any controlled dangerous substance within the State, shall obtain annually a registration issued by the Department in accordance with the rules and [regulation] *regulations* promulgated by the Department. Persons registered 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.

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(h) Practitioners shall be registered by the Department to dispense any controlled substances or to conduct research with controlled substances in [Schedule] *Schedules* II through V if they are authorized to dispense or conduct research under the laws of this State. The Department need not require separate registration under this section for practitioners engaging in research with nonnarcotic 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) *Order to show cause; proceedings generally.*—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 registrant [on] *an* order to show cause why registration should not be denied, revoked, suspended, or renewal refused. The order to show cause shall contain a statement of the basis thereof and shall call upon the applicant or registrant to appear before the Department at a time and place stated in the order, but in no event less than thirty days after the date of receipt of the order. In the case of a denial of renewal of registration the show cause order shall be served not later than 30 days before the expiration of the registration. Proceedings to deny, revoke, or suspend shall be conducted pursuant to this section in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Such proceedings shall be independent of, and not in lieu of, criminal prosecutions or other proceedings under this subheading or any law of the State. Proceedings to refuse renewal of registration shall not abate the existing registration which shall remain in effect pending the outcome of the administrative hearing.

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(d) To possess or distribute controlled paraphernalia which shall mean (i) a hypodermic syringe, needle or other instrument or implement or combination thereof adapted for the administration of controlled dangerous substances by hypodermic injections under