

**REVISOR'S NOTE:** This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 285(a).

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to "a drug to which § 21-220 of the Health - General Article applies" is substituted for the former reference to "a prescription drug as determined under the Health - General Article" to avoid confusion with the defined term "prescription drug" and to identify the applicable section of the Health - General Article.

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the reference to "a pharmacist" is added to state explicitly what merely was implied in the former law, *i.e.*, that pharmacists may dispense controlled dangerous substances without a prescription under certain circumstances.

In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to a prescription "for a controlled dangerous substance" is added for clarity.

Also in subsection (c) of this section, the reference to requirements "for records and inventories" is added for clarity.

Also in subsection (c) of this section, the former reference to "as amended from time to time" is deleted as unnecessary in light of Art. 1, § 21.

Defined terms: "Authorized provider" § 5-101  
 "Controlled dangerous substance" § 5-101  
 "Department" § 5-101  
 "Dispense" § 5-101  
 "Drug" § 5-101  
 "Person" § 1-101  
 "Schedule II" § 5-101  
 "Ultimate user" § 5-101

#### 5-502. METHADONE.

**AN AUTHORIZED PROVIDER MAY NOT DISPENSE METHADONE, DIRECTLY OR BY PRESCRIPTION, UNLESS:**

(1) THE AUTHORIZED PROVIDER IS ASSOCIATED WITH A CONTROLLED DRUG THERAPY PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT; OR

(2) AN EMERGENCY OR MEDICAL SITUATION EXISTS UNDER REGULATIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT ADOPTS IN COOPERATION WITH THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND.

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Defined terms: "Authorized provider" § 5-101  
 "Department" § 5-101  
 "Dispense" § 5-101