

~~(4) (I) WHEN A PRESCRIPTION IS WRITTEN, A HEALTH PRACTITIONER AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PRESCRIBE A DRUG SHALL:~~

~~1. PRINT OR TYPE THE PRESCRIPTION IN A LEGIBLE MANNER SO THAT IT CAN BE READ AND UNDERSTOOD BY THE PHARMACIST FILLING THE PRESCRIPTION;~~

~~2. INDICATE ON THE PRESCRIPTION:~~

~~A. THE DATE OF ISSUANCE, WITH THE MONTH STATED IN TEXTUAL LETTERS;~~

~~B. THE NAME OF THE AUTHORIZING PRESCRIBER;~~

~~C. THE NAME AND STRENGTH OF THE DRUG, WITH THE STRENGTH WRITTEN IN METRIC UNITS;~~

~~D. THE QUANTITY OF THE DRUG IN BOTH TEXTUAL AND NUMERICAL FORMATS;~~

~~E. THE DIRECTIONS FOR USING THE DRUG;~~

~~F. THE REASON FOR PRESCRIBING THE DRUG; AND~~

~~G. FOR CHILDREN UNDER AGE 12, THE AGE AND WEIGHT OF THE CHILD; AND~~

~~3. SIGN THE PRESCRIPTION ON THE DATE THAT THE PRESCRIPTION IS ISSUED.~~

~~(II) WHEN A PRESCRIPTION IS WRITTEN, A HEALTH PRACTITIONER AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PRESCRIBE A DRUG MAY NOT:~~

~~1. USE LATIN OR APOTHECARY ABBREVIATIONS;~~

~~2. USE LEADING ZEROS BEFORE A DECIMAL POINT FOR NUMBERS LESS THAN ONE;~~

~~3. USE TRAILING ZEROS AFTER A DECIMAL POINT FOR WHOLE NUMBERS; AND~~

~~4. ABBREVIATE THE NAME OR STRENGTH OF A DRUG.~~

(4) A PRESCRIPTION SHALL BE LEGIBLE.

(c) A pharmacist may not refill and dispense a prescription unless the refilling is authorized by:

(1) The health practitioner's specification in the original prescription as to how many times it may be refilled; or

(2) [By an] AN oral order of the health practitioner that promptly is written out and filed by the pharmacist.