

**e-  
Prescribing  
Controlled  
Substances  
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As a reminder, and in response to questions we have received, the DEA currently prohibits the electronic transmission of controlled substance prescriptions.

According to the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy's Web site:

1.No Schedule II controlled substances shall be sent to a pharmacy using an electronic prescription transmission system.

2.There can be multiple prescriptions, including controlled substances in Schedules III, IV, and V, issued on one prescription blank when using an electronic prescription transmission system to send a prescription to a pharmacy [see OAC Rule 4729-5-13]. However, it should be noted that the DEA currently does not allow for the electronic transmission of controlled substance prescriptions. The DEA does allow the information to be transferred to a pharmacy, but then requires the pharmacist to treat it as an oral prescription. To create an oral prescription the pharmacist must then personally contact the prescriber by telephone and verify the transmitted information. Therefore, due to the increased legal burdens placed on the pharmacist and prescriber, many vendors involved with the transmission of electronic prescriptions have chosen to prohibit the transmission of controlled substance prescriptions at this time.

To view the entire Ohio State Board of Pharmacy's Web page on e-prescribing, please [click here](#).