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Dear NJ Pharmacist:

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion among New Jersey pharmacists regarding Executive Order #112. To clarify: this order, issued in April 2020, suspended the requirement for Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs) to prescribe medications in accordance with a joint protocol with a licensed physician. This waiver is still in effect under the current State of Emergency. In simple terms, Executive Order #112 still allows APNs to prescribe without the need for a collaborating physician on their prescription pad. Failure to follow this Executive Order ignores existing operative law and prevents APNs' patients from receiving timely care.

Executive Order (EO) #292, issued on 3/4/22, ended the public health emergency on 3/7/22, **except for** Executive and Administrative Orders, which continue to be suspended, per Executive Order #103. Therefore, EO #112, waiving APN Joint Protocol requirements for prescribing, continues to be in place indefinitely until Governor Murphy permanently ends them.

The following announcement was made by the Commissioner of Health on March 4, 2022:

“Executive Order (EO) No. 292 terminates the Public Health Emergency declared in EO No. 280, effective on Monday, March 7(2022). **The State of Emergency declared in EO No. 103 will remain in place to ensure that the State continues to have necessary resources as COVID-19 is managed on an endemic level.** It is common practice for states of emergency for major crises to remain in place to allow the State to receive and distribute federal funding without any unnecessary red tape or bureaucratic obstacles, as exemplified by Governor Christie’s State of Emergency declaration for Superstorm Sandy, which remains in effect to this day. Additionally, EO Nos. 111, **112**, 207, 252, 253, 283, and 290 remain in full force and effect under the [current] State of Emergency...”

The Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy has been notified about this issue, as has the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs, the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, and the Governor’s office. It is important for all these individuals who are in positions of administrative leadership in NJ to be aware that [Executive Order #112](#) is not being followed by many NJ pharmacists.

To stay up to date on this matter, please consult the New Jersey DCA:

<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/dcu/Pages/alerts.aspx>

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