**Prescriber Licensure**

**Section:** Operations

**Compliance:** URAC Specialty Pharmacy 2.1

**URAC Standards:** PHARM-OP 2, 3

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**POLICY**

Signed orders for treatment will be obtained from the patient's appropriately licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner, at the time of dispensing for all Medicare Part B orders, as required by CMS. As an alternative to written orders, pharmacists may accept electronic prescriptions, telephone prescriptions (promptly reduced to writing) and faxed orders (that originate from the practice site). **[PHARM-OP 3 (a)]**

**PROCEDURE**

1. <insert practice name> will accept orders for treatment only from licensed physicians or advanced practice providers (i.e. nurse practitioner, physician assistant).
2. Most prescribers are known to <insert practice name> through relationships that their clinics have with <insert practice name> representatives
3. Pharmacy personnel receiving orders from previously unknown prescribers will verify the prescriber’s authenticity using the NPI database, similar resource, direct contact with the office or contact with our representatives. DEA numbers from prescribers previously unknown to practice are verified with prescribing physician’s office when a new prescriber has a patient present a prescription to <insert practice name>. **[PHARM 2 (b)] [PHARM-OP 3 (a)]**
4. All prescribers with active prescriptions or anticipated upcoming or future orders will have annual license verification. Any prescribers whose licenses have become inactive, been suspended, been surrendered, been terminated, or in any other way become inactive will be documented. Their active prescriptions will be inactivated and patients contacted. Their records will be flagged in the Pharmacy Operating Software to prevent dispensing future prescriptions until such time as the physicians are again licensed in good standing. **[PHARM 2 (b)][PHARM-OP 3 (a)]**

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