

***MEDIA RELEASE FROM
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY***

HYDROCODONE COMBINATION PRODUCTS MOVING TO SCHEDULE II

Hydrocodone Combination Products (HCPs) will be moving from a Schedule III controlled substance to the more-restrictive Schedule II, effective Oct. 6, 2014. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) rescheduling of HCPs as Schedule II will increase restrictions on prescribing and dispensing practices for HCPs.

In preparation for the DEA rescheduling of HCPs, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has increased staffing and resources to respond to medical practitioners needing assistance so they can better serve Texans who require prescriptions for HCPs.

- Extended customer service availability from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Implemented an automated call back system allowing customers to make an appointment for an agent's return call
- Additional staff to help process registration modifications to allow practitioners to change their approved levels
- Extended work hours for staff in both the Customer Contact Center and Order Fulfillment areas
- Medical practitioners needing assistance can either call [\(512\) 424-7293](tel:5124247293) or [send a secured email](#)

Medical and mid-level practitioners will need to have correct schedule designations on their registrations with DPS. Practitioners need to use [NAR-116](#) and mid-level practitioners need to use [NAR-117](#) to submit updates. [Prescription Pad Mail-in Order Forms](#) are also on the DPS website.

For more information, please see [Hydrocodone: Schedule II Controlled Substance](#), [DPS' Press Release](#) and [DEA Announcement](#).