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Our office can no longer write prescriptions for ANY hydrocodone products.

The DEA just recently published a rule that will be effective 10/6/14 (<http://go.usa.gov/mc8d>) moving hydrocodone combination products from Schedule III to the more-restrictive Schedule II, as recommended by the Assistant Secretary for Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and as supported by the DEA's own evaluation of relevant data.

Reason for the restriction: Abuse of controlled-substance prescription medications, including opioid painkillers, resulting in more deaths from prescription drug overdoses. DEA recognizes that these drugs are very addictive and potentially dangerous.

All Hydrocodone Combination Products (Norco, Lortab, Vicoprofen, Vicodin, Hycet, Tussinex, Hydromet) will have to be written on a DPS provided Prescription Pad (CII Prescription Form) **← our doctors do not and will not have these types of prescription pads.**