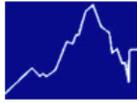


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News You Need: Prescribing Schedule II Hydrocodone Combination Products

As previously reported, the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) published a Final Rule in the Federal Register placing hydrocodone combination products (HCPs) into **Schedule II** effective **October 6, 2014**. The DEA's [press release](#), which includes a link to the Final Rule is available for review.

Subsequently, the 2015 General Assembly amended [§ 54.1-3222](#) of the Code of Virginia, granting authority to optometrists to prescribe and administer hydrocodone in combination with acetaminophen within the scope of optometric practice.

The DEA's chart of [Mid-Level Practitioners Authorization by State](#) reflects the change made to the Code of Virginia. In order to prescribe and administer hydrocodone in combination with acetaminophen, an optometrist must first apply to the DEA for a modification of his/her registration to include this Schedule II drug.

For questions related to modifying a DEA registration, contact your local DEA [Field Office](#). Other questions may be directed to optbd@dhp.virginia.gov.