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Re-scheduling of Hydrocodone Combination Products

The US Drug Enforcement Administration 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.

Pursuant to [§ 54.1-3222](#) of the Code of Virginia, optometrists are only permitted to prescribe and administer within the scope of practice, Schedules III – VI controlled substances. Therefore, starting on October 6, 2014, an optometrist is not authorized to prescribe HCPs.

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