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- **Transmission of Prescriptions – Exemption for Veterinarians**

As of July 1, 2020, the Code of Virginia, [§54.1-3408.02](#), states the following:
B. Any prescription for a controlled substance that contains an opioid shall be issued as an electronic prescription.

C. The requirements of subsection B shall not apply if:

5. The prescription is issued by a licensed veterinarian for the treatment of an animal;

- **Continuing Education for Licensure Period of January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020**

During the board meeting held on July 28, 2020, the Board discussed obtaining CE during the pandemic. The regulations do not specify a method, online or in-person, for obtaining the required CE; therefore, the Board is not anticipating making any changes to CE requirements for the current licensure period.

- **Regulatory requirements:** Review [18VAC150-20-70](#)
- **Guidance Document:** Review [150-11](#) Guidance for Continuing Education (CE) Audits and Sanctioning for Failure to Complete CE
- **Continuing Education Tracking:** The American Association of Veterinary State Boards has implemented a free CE tracking program for veterinarians and veterinary technicians. Information on the program is available through [RACetrack](#).

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