

# VALID PRESCRIPTIONS

## Advanced Practice Nurses

It has come to the attention of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy that some advanced practice nurses have been writing prescriptions for patients that fall into two categories: (1) for scheduled drugs for **they are not authorized by law to write**; or (2) on a prescription form that lacks the information required by law. When pharmacists receive these prescriptions, they **are not allowed to legally fill them**.

**Please see O.C.G.A. § 43-34-25 (excerpted below) for the legal requirements of a prescription.**

(d) A written prescription drug order issued pursuant to this Code section shall be signed by the advanced practice registered nurse and shall be on a form which shall include, without limitation, the names of the advanced practice registered nurse and delegating physician who are parties to the nurse protocol agreement, the patient's name and address, the drug or device ordered, directions with regard to the taking and dosage of the drug or use of the device, and the number of refills. A prescription drug order which is transmitted either electronically or via facsimile shall conform to the requirements set out in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 26-4-80, respectively.