

# VALID PRESCRIPTIONS

## Physician Assistants

It has come to the attention of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy that some physician assistants 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. § 43-34-103 (excerpted below) for the legal requirements of a prescription.

O.C.G.A. § 43-34-103

(3) The physician assistant shall only be authorized to exercise the rights granted under this subsection using a prescription drug or device order form which includes the name, address, and telephone number of the prescribing supervising or alternate supervising physician, the patient's name and address, the drug or device prescribed, the number of refills, and directions to the patient with regard to the taking and dosage of the drug. 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. Any form containing less information than that described in this paragraph shall not be offered to or accepted by any pharmacist who is duly licensed under Title 26.