

**\*\* DEA Issues Final Rule \*\***

**Multiple C-II Prescriptions Written on the Same Date**

On November 19, 2007, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will publish in the Federal Register a Final Rule titled “Issuance of Multiple Prescriptions for Schedule II Controlled Substances.” This rule is effective December 19, 2007.

This Final Rule amends DEA’s regulations to allow practitioners to provide individual patients with multiple prescriptions for a specific schedule II controlled substance, written on the same date, to be filled sequentially. The combined effect of such sequential multiple prescriptions is that it allows a patient to receive over time up to a 90-day supply of that controlled substance. The Controlled Substances Act does not permit the refilling of Schedule II controlled substances, requiring that a new prescription be issued for each quantity of the substance

Following publication, the rule will appear on DEA’s Office of Diversion Control website, [www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov](http://www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov) under “Federal Register Notices>Rules 2007.”