

Frequently Asked Questions

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The following is an update which the State of New Jersey has issued. **ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE** In accordance with the Board of Nursing rules for Advanced Practice Nurses (APN's) the only acceptable professional designation/title that may be pre-printed on New Jersey Prescription Blanks for a practitioner is "APN."

Any other professional designation that a practitioner wished to utilize on a NJPB, such as Nurse Practitioner (NP) or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) is not in compliance with the Board of Nursing rules.

In other words, an APN who can only utilize the APN (PC44) prescription templates, can only use the professional title of APN on the prescription blanks.

Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) is not an Advanced Practice Nurse (APN). They are a different license category. The guidance we issued pertains only to Advanced Practice Nurses.

An APN who can only utilize the APN prescription blank template, can only use the professional title of APN on the prescription blank.

All APNs are Registered Nurses, but not all registered nurses are APNs. A Registered Nurse only cannot prescribe and cannot obtain prescription blanks.

A nurse practitioner is also an APN, but in accordance with the Board of Nursing rules, only APN may be used on their prescription blanks.

An APN may only use the title of APN on their prescription blanks, no other title such as NP or CRNA is acceptable. If the APN has any issues they can contact the NJ Board of Nursing.

Why is New Jersey Implementing this program?

Drug trafficking and Medicaid/Medicare fraud has become a huge problem. By requiring security features in printed prescription forms and putting in place security processes which minimize the possibility of forged prescriptions, altered prescriptions and making it easier to track physicians who are taking advantage of the system - it will reduce drug trafficking and reduce the costs to Medicaid and Medicare.

Why are New Jersey prescription forms more expensive than other states?

The state of New Jersey has chosen to incorporate additional safety features that add to the cost such as: thermochromatic ink which is very expensive, the addition of the barcode and other processes and procedures which add to the overall cost of the products.

Why can't we have prescription forms which are different sizes than the styles that Printco provides?

Per New Jersey regulations all NJPBs must be four inches by five and one-half inches in size.

Why does Printco have to submit distributor information to the State of New Jersey as a subcontractor?

The state of New Jersey wants all the links in the chain of distribution of the products to be equally responsible for following the rules and regulations as it relates to their state. Also, since only Printco will be shown on the State website as an approved vendor, they wish to have your company on file in case a prescribers questions your ability to sell the forms.

Why must shipments of prescription forms be sent to the address approved by Division of Professional Regulation with a signature required?

The state wants shipments to be sent to the address which the prescriber registered for their license. That must be a business address unless the prescriber's office is attached to a residence. The signature requirement is a security feature which allows tracking of who received the shipment if fraud is suspected.

Can EMR generated prescriptions which are printed on a laser form be imprinted with out all of the doctor's information?

Yes – if ordering laser forms without complete imprint information you must supply Printco with the name of the EMR software and manufacturer. Printco must keep this on file.

Can a physician's assistant be printed on the doctor's format form with the other doctors?

No – a physician's assistant must be printed on the physician's assistant format with the collaborating physician information. This is true for the nurse practitioner and certified nurse midwife.

Can the bar code be moved to another place on the form?

No – The state requirements are very specific as to the placement, style and size of the bar code, and no changes can be made.

For the laser style forms, can we position the prescription form in different places on the 8.5 x 11" sheet?

Yes – Printco's standard position is the top left and a 4 up version, but you may request a price quote for a custom position on the sheet to meet your customer's needs. (top center and center/center seems popular choices)

Can we request special binding options for the forms?

Yes – Printco's standard padding is 100's for both the 1 and 2 part, but you can request padding in different quantities at an up charge. You can also request a custom quote for stapled wraparound cover and spiral binding.

If a prescription is written prior to August 18th, 2014 on the old style form but not presented to the pharmacist until after August 18th, will the pharmacist accept and fill the prescription?

Yes – the date on the prescription will determine which style of form must be used, not when it is presented to the pharmacist.

What should prescriber do with any old style forms remaining in inventory after August 18th, 2014?

Prescribers should have any remaining inventory shredded after August 18th.

Can the bar code be altered to include a prefix or suffix letter before or after the sequential number?

No- No changes can be made to the sequence on the bar code.

When does the sequential number in the bar code start at 000001 and when is the number continued from the previous order?

The only time the sequential number will be continued is when the same prescriber orders multiple times in the same month. If a prescriber orders forms once in August and once in September the September order will start back at 000001.

Are veterinarians required to have NPI #'s?

No- veterinarians are not assigned NPI#'s.

Can we order 2 Part Laser or 3 part padded forms?

At this time Printco does not offer these styles of forms.

Who can order, receive, store, maintain and distribute NJPB pads and forms? (responsible party)

Only a licensed prescriber, healthcare facility or persons employed by the licensed prescriber or healthcare facility.

How many prescribers can be printed on the face of the form?

The number of prescribers is limited by the information provided and the format. Generally the maximum number is 5 prescribers. The smallest size type the State of NJ allows us to use is 7 point. Keep in mind that while we allow multiple prescribers on the face, only 1 address can be shown on the face and the additional addresses must be printed on the back.

Can a Physicians Assistant be printed on a Doctors format?

The answer from the State of NJ as to whether a Physicians Assistant can be printed on a Doctors format is NO – this would be true of a Nurse Midwife and Nurse Practitioner.