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## INFORMATION REGARDING C2 TRIPLICATE MEDICATIONS

Some medications are "non-controlled". Then there are "controlled substances". The following discusses medications which the federal DEA has deemed "C2"; Texas legislature considers them under the term "triplicates". These are not just controlled, but "tightly controlled".

What does this mean for you and your pain doctor?

- High degree of control (not just control) is expected by government of the doctor.
- High degree of co-operation (not just co-operation) is expected by doctor of the patient.
- High degree of protection (from theft, loss, etc.) is expected.
- High degree of planning (must plan visit accordingly before medicine runs out).
- More frequent visits for evaluation and refill than for other types of non-controlled medications. We require you to be seen for every new written prescription, unless we notify you otherwise.
- More detailed laboratory analysis (urine, liver, kidney, etc.).
- Psychological screening appointment to complement medication treatment.

What does this mean for your pharmacy?

- These medications cannot be refilled via telephone call or fax.
- A special prescription is written with a registered unique number identifying the doctor and patient.
- A copy is filed by the pharmacy to the state and federal authorities, effectively creating a registered document.
- The original prescription, signed and dated, must be delivered physically to the pharmacy to ensure a proper transaction.
- The pharmacy will have to stock your particular medication.
- The prescription expires 7 days after the date written on the original script.

What does this mean for your other doctors?

- You will notify your other doctors that you have a "pain agreement" with Pain Care Physicians.
- You will remind your other doctors to be "very careful" regarding mixing C2/Triplicates with other medications. Please ask a Pain Care provider to call him/her for any questions /concerns.
- You may not accept prescriptions for controlled substances, pain killers, muscle relaxers, or sedatives from any other doctor without contacting us during business hours; and, your doctor must fax us a note regarding why you require such medications.

Please call (512) 326-5440 for any questions.