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From:

RE: **VETERINARY STATE LICENSE NUMBER SUBMISSION IN LIEU OF USING A DEA NUMBER**

To Whom it May Concern:

As you may be aware, veterinarians are excluded from the Federal definition of “health care provider” and therefore do not qualify for NPI numbers. The lack of an NPI number has resulted in prescribing veterinarians being asked for our DEA registration numbers for identification purposes on both controlled and non-controlled substance prescriptions.

In April 2011, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) set forth policy discouraging prescribing veterinarians from providing a DEA registration number for any reason other than transactions involving controlled substances.

Additionally, in August 2013, the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (“NCPDP”) issued industry guidance instructing pharmacies to alternatively accept a veterinary state license number (“SLN”) for identification purposes on non-controlled substance prescriptions in veterinary medicine.

In accordance with AVMA policy and NCPDP guidance, I’ve attached my state veterinary medical license to be kept on file in your system for identification purposes when filling non-controlled substance prescriptions. Additionally, below is a summary of my provider information:

Name:
Hospital:
Address:
SLN:
Telephone:
Email:

Please provide confirmation once I have been setup in your system with this information. If you have any questions or need to verify any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,