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Health Canada CDSA Exemption Guidance

On March 19, 2020, Health Canada issued a temporary exemption under Section 56(1) of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA). Regulatory amendments to provincial legislation will be made on April 4, 2020 to allow pharmacists to perform additional activities included in the Health Canada exemption during a Public Health Emergency or provincial State of Emergency. The chart below summarizes the activities that pharmacists in PEI can perform **while the Health Canada exemption is in effect.**

	Narcotics / Controlled Drugs	Benzodiazepines	Methadone/Suboxone
Verbal orders permitted?		 (not affected by CDSA exemption)	
Transfers permitted?	 (transfers within PEI only)	 (no longer limited to one transfer only)	 (transfers within PEI only)
Pharmacist prescribing permitted?	Continued Care Rx Emergency Rx Adaptation & Therapeutic Substitution	Continued Care Rx Emergency Rx Adaptation & Therapeutic Substitution	Continued Care Rx <i>(If RPh holds EPC)</i> Emergency Rx Adaptation & Therapeutic Substitution
Delivery permitted? (following guidance found in the exemption)		 (not affected by CDSA exemption)	

****Effective April 4, 2020****