Licensed Physicians with current appropriate DEA registration

DEA Schedule II Drugs
- Prescriptions must be written (no telephoned Rx)
- Prescription valid for 60 days from date written
- No refills may be authorized
- No limit on the number of doses or days’ supply a physician can write on one prescription

DEA Schedules III, IV and V Drugs
- Prescriptions may be written or phoned in
- Valid for 6 months from date written
- May authorize up to 5 refills within 6 months
- No limit on the number of doses or days’ supply a physician can write on one prescription.

ARNPs with current appropriate DEA registration

Effective July, 2006, ARNPs in Kentucky were granted authority by law (KRS Chapter 314) to prescribe scheduled drugs. ARNP prescribing authority for scheduled drugs includes:

Schedule II  ARNPs may write a prescription for a 72 hour supply with no refills.
However, ARNPs nationally certified in psych mental health nursing and who are providing services in a health facility as defined in KRS Chapter 216B (i.e. hospitals, community mental health centers) and a regional mental health and mental retardation service program as defined in KRS Chapter 210, may prescribe a 30 day supply of psychostimulants.

Schedule III  ARNPs may write a prescription for a 30 day supply with no refills

Schedule IV  ARNPs may write the original prescription and refills are not to exceed a 6 month supply

Schedule V  ARNPs may write the original prescription and refills are not to exceed to 6 month supply

Effective March of 2007, per 201 KAR 20:059, additional limits were placed on the following drugs.

1. Diazepam (Valium), a Schedule IV medication, fourteen (14) day supply with no refills.
2. Clonazepam (Klonopin), a Schedule IV medication, fourteen (14) day supply with no refills.
3. Lorazepam (Ativan), a Schedule IV medication, fourteen (14) day supply with no refills.
4. Alprazolam (Xanax), a Schedule IV medication, fourteen (14) day supply with no refill
5. Carisoprodol (Soma), a Schedule IV medication, 30 day supply with no refills
6. Combination Hydrocodone products in liquid or solid dosage form, Schedule III medications, fourteen (14) day supply with no refills.