

# Controlled Substances

## General Discussion:

The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) was enacted into law by the United States Congress as Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970. The CSA is the legal basis by which the manufacture, possession, and distribution of certain drugs are regulated. A controlled substance is generally a drug or chemical whose manufacture, possession, and use are regulated the government.

There are five schedules of controlled substances (schedules I, II, III, IV, and V.) Classification decisions are based on the drug's potential for abuse, accepted medical use, and the potential for dependence.

Schedule I – The drug has a high potential for abuse, has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and there is a lack of accepted safety for use of the drug under medical supervision.

Schedule II – The drug has a high potential for abuse, has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States or a currently accepted medical use with severe restrictions, and abuse of the drug may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence.

Schedule III – The drug has a potential for abuse less than the drugs in schedules I and II, has currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and abuse of the drug or other substance may lead to moderate or low physical dependence or high psychological dependence.

Schedule IV – The drug has a low potential for abuse relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule III, has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and abuse of the drug may lead to limited physical dependence or psychological dependence relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule III.

Schedule V – The drug has a low potential for abuse relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule IV, has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and abuse of the drug may lead to limited physical dependence or psychological dependence relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule IV.

For more information regarding the five schedules, go to: <http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/pubs/csa/812.htm#a>

## Relevant regulations:

ADC: Although there is no specific regulation related to controlled substances, you should consider best practices for the use of controlled substances to protect the health, safety and welfare of your residents.

FAMILY ADC: Although there is no specific regulation related to controlled substances, you should consider best practices for the use of controlled substances to protect the health, safety and welfare of your residents.

AFH: Although there is no specific regulation related to controlled substances, you should consider best practices for the use of controlled substances to protect the health, safety and welfare of your residents.

RCAC: Although there is no specific regulation related to controlled substances, you should consider best practices for the use of controlled substances to protect the health, safety and welfare of your residents.

CBRF:

**DHS 83.37(1)(j)** The CBRF shall maintain a proof-of-use record for schedule II drugs, subject to 21 USC 812 (c), and Wisconsin's uniform controlled substances act, [ch. 961, Stats.](#), that contains the date and time administered, the resident's name, the practitioner's name, dose, signature of the person administering the dose, and the remaining balance of the drug. The administrator or designee shall audit, sign and date the proof-of-use records on a daily basis.

**DHS 83.37(3)(g)** The CBRF shall provide separately locked and securely fastened boxes or drawers or permanently fixed compartments within the locked medications area for storage of schedule II drugs subject to 21 USC 812 (c), and Wisconsin's uniform controlled substances act, [ch. 961, Stats.](#)

## Relevant DQA Memos:

[DQA Memo 07-008 Medication Return, Donation, and Disposal](#)

[BQA Memo 05-003 Destruction of Medications](#)

## Other Resources:

[US Drug Enforcement Administration Drug Scheduling List](#)

[US Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of Diversion Control – List of Controlled Substances](#)

[DQA Controlled Substances Quick Reference List](#)

[DQA List of Common Controlled Substances](#)

## Best Practice, Tools & Forms:

Controlled Drug Record Forms:

[http://www.med-pass.com/Docs/Products/samples/4-2112\\_sp.pdf](http://www.med-pass.com/Docs/Products/samples/4-2112_sp.pdf)

[http://www.med-pass.com/Docs/Products/samples/MP5202\\_sp.pdf](http://www.med-pass.com/Docs/Products/samples/MP5202_sp.pdf)

8-Hour/Shift Verification of Controlled Substances Count Form:

[http://www.med-pass.com/Docs/Products/samples/MP5212\\_sp.pdf](http://www.med-pass.com/Docs/Products/samples/MP5212_sp.pdf)

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