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To: Massachusetts Pharmacists and Pharmacies

From: David Sencabaugh, R.Ph., Executive Director  
Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy

Date: August 13, 2014

Re: **Changes Effecting Controlled Substances**

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### **Tramadol to Become a Schedule IV**

As Massachusetts pharmacists may be aware, on July 2, 2014, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) published in the Federal Register the final rule placing Tramadol into schedule IV of the Controlled Substances Act. **The change will take effect August 18, 2014.**

All regulatory requirements applicable to schedule IV controlled substances will apply to Tramadol (Trade Names: Ultram®, Ultracet®), including but not limited to the medication in the biennial perpetual inventory count. For further information refer to:

DEA Notice regarding Tramadol Schedule Change  
[http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_chem\\_info/tramadol.pdf](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_chem_info/tramadol.pdf)

The DEA Pharmacist's Manual  
<http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/manuals/pharm2/index.html>

### **New Contact: Filing Copy of DEA 106 Forms with Massachusetts State Police**

Effective Sunday, August 10, 2014, the Massachusetts State Police contact for filing copies of DEA 106 forms will be Trooper Patricia Riley. To file a copy of DEA 106 with the Massachusetts State Police, send forms to:

<b><u>Hard Copy:</u></b>	<b><u>Email:</u></b>	<b><u>Fax:</u></b>
State Police Narcotics Section 485 Maple Street Danvers, MA 01923	patricia.riley@massmail.state.ma.us	978-583-6085
<b>Attention: Trooper Patricia Riley</b>		

**Note:** This does not change the reporting requirements to the Massachusetts Drug Control Program, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy, Local Police or with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.