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**Board of Registration in Pharmacy  
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**Joint Policy 2020-06: Continuation of Drug Therapy upon Discontinuation  
of a Prescriber's Practice**

When a pharmacy becomes aware that a prescriber-patient relationship has ended because a prescriber has ceased to practice for any reason, established drug therapy may be continued in order to enable the patient time to establish a relationship with another prescriber.

In order to do so, the following conditions must be met:

1. The prescription must have been issued pursuant to a proper prescriber-patient relationship while the prescriber was still in practice.
2. The prescription is within its expiry period based on its date of issuance (e.g. Schedule III written within 6 months, etc.).
3. The previously filled Schedule III – VI prescription has remaining authorized refills.
4. If multiple Schedule II prescriptions had been issued in accordance with 21 CFR §1306.12, they may be honored.
5. In the event that a Schedule VI prescription has expired or has no remaining refills and the prescriber is no longer in practice, the pharmacist may dispense a quantity not to exceed 14 days or the smallest available unit of use packaging.
6. The pharmacist uses his / her professional judgment to ensure that the dispensing of the medication remains appropriate.

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