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Implementation of New Database Rules on December 1, 2011

The Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD) have been promulgating a rule package to implement a new application process for the registration of advanced practice nurses and physicians' assistants. The rules have been finalized and will become effective on November 30, 2011. The rules have been published in the *Code of State Regulations* and may be viewed at the Missouri Secretary of State's website. All new applicants may begin using the new online registration system on December 1, 2011. Below is a synopsis of what the BNDD is implementing.

1. The new rules will allow applications to be submitted electronically online with a click to pay feature. For practitioners the fee will be \$30 for an annual registration. The fees for manufacturers and distributors will be \$66 annually.
2. New applications may be completed at the BNDD's website www.health.mo.gov/BNDD, beginning December 1, 2011.
3. Sixty days before a registration expires, the registrant will be mailed a post card from the bureau reminding them that it is time to re-register. If the registration expires then the BNDD will send out a second post card notifying of the expiration.
4. Submitting an application does not grant controlled substance authority. No controlled substance activities should take place until a registration has been issued.
5. Starting on July 1, 2010, the BNDD stopped printing and mailing out individual practitioner certificates. With the implementation of this new database the BNDD will not be printing or mailing any certificates. When a registration is issued it may be viewed and verified online at the bureau's website. Registration certificates may be printed from the screen that appears showing the registration.
6. The BNDD is working with the Office of Public, Community, and Rural Health to combine an annual practitioner survey with the BNDD application. Simultaneous with filling out an application a practitioner may also answer survey questions so the state can determine practitioner availability and determine practitioner shortage areas. On the applications the mandatory BNDD controlled questions are marked with an asterisk(*).
7. On the electronic application, applicants will need to type in their names and identifying information to match what their professional licensing board has on file so that they may be identified in the system. The BNDD's data will be compared to the state board's licensure data for verification. If there is an error in the name, date of birth or identifying information it may result in an error message.

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8. For those who need to identify other practitioners in collaborating or supervising agreements, there is a drop down box on the electronic application where a listing of the practitioners can be clicked on to add their name to the correct field on the application.
9. New Email Address for BNDD: For those registrants who need to submit additional information or attachments with their application, the BNDD has implemented a new email account on our website. Registrants may directly email the BNDD to ask questions or send attachments to bndd@health.mo.gov.
10. Prescribing Privileges For Mid-Level Practitioners:

The bureau will begin issuing registrations to advanced practice nurses and physicians' assistants on December 1, 2011. Some of the basic issues pertaining to these registrations are:

 - Practitioners must have a certificate of authority or other required approval from their state licensing board. They will obtain a state BNDD registration first and then a federal DEA registration second.
 - Practitioners may not purchase, stock, dispense, or administer controlled substance independently. They may prescribe independently.
 - Prescriptions may be issued in schedules III, IV, and V only. There is no authority in schedule II.
 - They may not prescribe to relatives.
 - For advanced practice nurses, if a schedule III drug is an **opiate based** pain medication, the prescription must be limited to a 120-hour supply with no refills.
 - For physicians' assistants, **all** schedule III drugs are limited to a 120-hour supply with no refills;
 - The limitations on prescriptive authority listed above would also apply to orders issued within a licensed facility.
 - When pharmacies dispense based upon these mid-level prescriptions, both the names of the mid-level practitioner and the supervising or collaborating physician must be printed on the label of the container.
 - The prescribing authority and limitations is set by the state licensing boards. The statute for the APRNs is Section 334.104, RSMo. The statute for the PAs is Section 334.747, RSMo.
11. Educational publications updated: With the implementation of these new rules the BNDD has amended their educational booklets and controlled substance guidelines. These educational publications will be on the BNDD website on December 1, 2011, and will also be sent to state boards and professional associations so they may also post them.