

Dear

We have received multiple reports that certain chain pharmacies in New Jersey are requiring **collaborating physician to be listed on prescriptions that are written by Advanced Practice Nurses**, despite the current [Executive Order 13](#).

To clarify:

Executive Order 13 provides relief through April 2 at 5:00 p.m., allowing APNs time to implement new joint protocols and secure collaborating physicians. During this transition period, prescriptions written in accordance with the Executive Order 13 remain valid **under NJ state authorization**.

We understand that some pharmacies may still be clarifying their internal guidance regarding the implementation timeline.

Importantly, a formal letter has been sent to Mr. Rubinaccio, Executive Director of the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy (BOP) outlining these concerns. The BOP has acknowledged the issue in the past and we are hopeful that they will again disseminate guidance and education to pharmacies across New Jersey, this time regarding Executive Order 13 and its implementation timeline.

If you encounter a pharmacy **that declines to fill your prescription:**

- Politely reference Executive Order 13 and the April 2, 5:00 p.m. implementation deadline.
- Request to speak with the supervising pharmacist or pharmacy manager.
- Document the pharmacy name, location, date, time, medication, and the reason provided.
- Notify us so we can track patterns and address concerns appropriately.

The [purpose of this transition](#) period is to preserve continuity of care while implementation proceeds. We are actively monitoring reports to ensure patient access remains uninterrupted.

We will provide updates as additional guidance becomes available.

Thank you for your professionalism and commitment to patient care during this period. Our shared priority remains protecting primary care access, mental health access, and continuity of care for New Jersey patients.

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On behalf of the APN-NJ Executive Board