

Kentucky Board of Pharmacy Important Update (May 21, 2026)

RE: SB 116 & Physician Assistant Prescribing Update

One of the many pieces of legislation passed during the 2026 Legislative Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, was SB 116, sponsored by Sen. Scott Madon, which was signed by Governor Andy Beshear on April 10, 2026. This legislation makes numerous changes to the physician assistant statutes. One of the major changes involves the amending of KRS 311.844 and KRS 311.858 to include Schedule II controlled substances in the list of controlled substances authorized PA license holders may prescribe.

Pursuant to the language in SB 116, the limitations on physician assistant prescribing and administering Schedule II controlled substances includes:

- Prescriptions issued by a physician assistant for narcotic Schedule II controlled substances classified under KRS 218A.060, except for hydrocodone combination products as defined in KRS 218A.010, shall be limited to a seventy-two (72-hour) supply without any refill.
- Prescriptions issued by a physician assistant for hydrocodone combination products as defined KRS 218A.010, nonnarcotic Schedule II controlled substances and Schedule III controlled substances, as defined in KRS 218A.060 and 218A.080, shall be limited to a thirty (30) day supply without refill.

SB 116 becomes effective on **July 15, 2026** and physician assistants must hold a DEA registration in Kentucky.

For any questions regarding a PA prescribing controlled substances, please contact the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure at [KBML Contact Us](#).