

21 NCAC 32M .0117 is proposed to be amended as follows:

21 NCAC 32M .0117 REPORTING CRITERIA

(a) The Department of Health and Human Services ("Department") may report to the North Carolina Board of Nursing ("Board of Nursing") information regarding the prescribing practices of those nurse practitioners ("prescribers") whose prescribing:

(1) falls within the top ~~one~~ two percent of those prescribing 100 ~~milligrams~~ of morphine milligram equivalents ("MME") per patient per day; or

(2) falls within the top ~~one~~ two percent of those prescribing 100 MME's per patient per day in combination with any benzodiazepine and who are within the top one percent of all controlled substance prescribers by volume.

(b) In addition, the Department may report to the Board of Nursing information regarding prescribers who have had two or more patient deaths in the preceding 12 months due to opioid ~~poisoning~~ poisoning where the prescribers authorized more than 30 tablets of an opioid to the decedent and the prescriptions were written within 60 days of the patient deaths.

(c) The Department may submit these reports to the Board of Nursing upon request and may include the information described in G.S. 90-113.73(b).

(d) The reports and communications between the Department and the Board of Nursing shall remain confidential pursuant to G.S. 90-16 and G.S. 90-113.74.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-18.2; 90-113.74;

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