

NC Controlled Substances Reporting System (CSRS) Gabapentin FAQ for Dispensing Professionals

This Frequently Asked Questions document has been created to address the implementation of required Gabapentin reporting to the NC CSRS (Session Law 2023-65 Part XI Section 11.1 G.S. 90-113.73(b))

1. When does this law go into effect?

- The law goes into effect on March 1, 2024, for most dispensers. For Veterinarian dispensers, the law goes into effect a year later March 1, 2025.

2. Is Gabapentin a controlled substance in North Carolina?

- No, Gabapentin is not a controlled substance in North Carolina.

3. Do Gabapentin dispensations have to be reported to the Controlled Substance Reporting System?

- Yes, beginning March 1, 2024, Gabapentin dispensations are required to be reported by dispensers.

4. Do prescribers need a DEA number to prescribe Gabapentin?

- No, a DEA number is not required to prescribe Gabapentin.

5. As a dispenser, how do report gabapentin if I don't have a DEA number?

- There are three identifiers available for dispensers to report gabapentin:
 - i. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number
 - ii. National Provider Identifier (NPI)
 - iii. The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) identifier
- You will not have to change how you report if you have a DEA number. For dispensers **without** a DEA number, the pharmacy NPI number or dispenser NCPDP identifier will be required for reporting.

6. Will Gabapentin prescription histories be available in the Controlled Substance Reporting System?

- Yes, Gabapentin prescription histories can be viewed in the CSRS. Gabapentin prescriptions will not be factored into patients NarxCare scores at this time.

7. Does Gabapentin have potential interactions with other controlled substances?

- More information about potential interactions with Gabapentin is available from the National Institutes of Health
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5308580/>.

8. Will this limit the quantities of Gabapentin kept in stock?

- No, the law does not address the quantities of Gabapentin that may be kept in stock. Please continue to follow your current protocols.

9. Will this impact how Gabapentin is inventoried or record keeping practices?

- No, the law does not address Gabapentin inventory or record keeping. Please continue to follow your current protocols.

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- Gabapentin is not a controlled substance and is not subject to the Controlled Substances Act recordkeeping requirement under Federal or State law.

10. Will this impact the disposal or destruction procedures for Gabapentin?

- No, the law does not address the disposal or destruction procedures for Gabapentin. Please continue to follow your current protocols.