

**481—781.4(147) Prescription requirements.**

**781.4(1)** Each written outpatient prescription drug order issued by a physician associate will contain the following:

- a.* The date of issuance.
- b.* The name and address of the patient for whom the drug is prescribed.
- c.* The name, strength, and quantity of the drug, medicine, or device prescribed and directions for use.
- d.* The physician associate's name and the practice address.
- e.* The signature of the physician associate followed by the initials "PA."
- f.* The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number of the physician associate if the prescription is for a controlled substance.

**781.4(2)** Each oral prescription drug order issued by a physician associate will include the same information required for a written prescription, except for the written signature of the physician associate and the physician associate's practice address.

**781.4(3)** Prior to prescribing an opioid, a physician associate will review the patient's information contained in the prescription monitoring program database, unless the patient is receiving inpatient hospice care or long-term residential facility patient care.

**781.4(4)** Beginning January 1, 2020, every prescription issued for a prescription drug will be transmitted electronically unless exempted pursuant to Iowa Code section 124.308 or 155A.27. Beginning January 1, 2020, a licensee who fails to comply with the electronic prescription mandate may be subject to a nondisciplinary administrative penalty of \$250 per violation, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per calendar year.

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