

[DDB BOARD REGULATION NO. 4, s. 1973, April 03, 1973]

EMERGENCY CASES UNDER WHICH PRESCRIPTIONS NEED NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED ON THE PRESCRIBED PRESCRIPTION FORMS (DDB FORM NO. 1-72) FOR DANGEROUS DRUGS

Pursuant to the powers vested in the Dangerous Drugs Board under Section 36(a) of R.A. 6425, as amended, and for the purpose of Section 25(b), also of the said Act, relating to emergency cases under which prescriptions need not be issued in the official prescription forms for dangerous drugs:

SECTION 1. The following are specified as falling within the category of emergency cases:

- (a) Where the prescription has to be issued to a patient whose need for dangerous drugs is immediate and urgent and has been brought about by the effects, or during the course of natural and other calamities, such as typhoons, earthquakes, conflagrations, etc., of such a magnitude as to preclude prompt access to the official prescription forms for dangerous drugs;
- (b) Where the need for prescribing the dangerous drugs has arisen as a result of a serious accident necessitating the administration of the drugs at the scene or in the vicinity of the accident and the required prescription forms are not readily available;
- (c) Where the need for the dangerous drugs is urgent and its ready availability may, in the opinion of the prescribing physician, spell the difference between the life and death of the patient, and for unavoidable and justifiable reasons the prescribed prescription form is not within access.

SECTION 2. In every case where the exempting provision of Section 25(b) of R.A. 6425, as amended, is availed of, the prescribing physician shall certify, at the back of the ordinary prescription form utilized, as to the nature, time, and place of the emergency conditions and the name and address of the patient, and shall see to it that his (physician's) full name and address is indicated in printed form beneath his signature. He shall also strictly comply with the requirement in said section 25(b) that "the prescribing physician shall, within three (3) days from issuing such prescription, inform the Board of the same in writing."

SECTION 3. This regulation shall take effect immediately.

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