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Dear Colleagues,

This letter is to advise you of legislative changes that will come into force on **Saturday April 4, 2020**, respecting prescribing all drugs, including controlled substances, in PEI. The amendments are as follows:

Pharmacy Act General Regulations

Subsection 8(2) of the General Regulations will be permanently revoked. Prescribers will no longer be required to fax prescriptions for methadone to a pharmacy.

Regulated Health Professions Act Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Regulations

Amendments to section 21 (continued care prescribing) of the Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Regulations will be as follows:

1. The requirement that the original prescription be dispensed from the same pharmacy from which the continued care prescription is given will be permanently revoked.
2. The following two amendments are temporary and are made pursuant to the Health Canada Exemption (attached) and will remain in effect as long as the provincial State of Public Health Emergency remains in effect:

- pharmacists will be authorized to give a continued care prescription for any drug, including controlled substances; and
- pharmacists will be authorized to give consecutive continued care prescriptions to a patient for the same drug.

We truly appreciate the hard work and dedication of all our health care professionals during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Spidel".

Mark Spidel
Deputy Minister

c: Nichola Hewitt, Legislative Specialist, Department of Health & Wellness