

NC Controlled Substances Reporting System (CSRS) Gabapentin FAQs for Practitioners

This Frequently Asked Questions document has been created to address the implementation of required Gabapentin reporting in 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. Why is Gabapentin included in the NC CSRS if it isn't a controlled substance?

- There is evidence that Gabapentin, when taken with opioids, can increase the risk of unintended overdose. By including gabapentin in the CSRS, prescribers can access all relevant information required to make the best clinical decision for their patients.

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

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

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

- Yes, Gabapentin prescription histories will be available to practitioners with a Controlled Substances Reporting System (CSRS) registration.

6. 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/>.

7. 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.

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

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

9. 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.