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To: Emergency Refills for Maintenance Medications
From: Alabama Board of Pharmacy/Donna C. Yeatman, RPh
Date: March 14, 2020
RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Effective March 14, 2020 and terminating March 31, 2020, the Alabama Board of Pharmacy will authorize pharmacists to process emergency prescription refills for a 30-day supply of maintenance medications under the following requirements:

- 1) The pharmacist is unable to readily obtain refill authorization from the prescriber.
- 2) The original prescription is maintained in the dispensing pharmacy's files.
- 3) The prescription is not a medicinal agent listed in Schedule II.
- 4) The medication is essential to the maintenance of life or the continuation of therapy in a chronic condition.
- 5) The dispensing pharmacist creates a written prescription order containing all of the prescription information required by federal and state statutes, rules and regulations.
- 6) The dispensing pharmacist notifies the prescriber orally or in writing of the emergency dispensing within seventy-two (72) hours after such dispensing.