

Notice:

Legislature Clarifies Naturopathic Prescriptive Authority

As of August 20, 2002 a licensed naturopathic physician will be able to legally prescribe any legend drug or controlled substance with the following exceptions:

- 1) Intravenous medications, except vitamins, chelation therapy, and drugs used in emergency resuscitation and stabilization.
- 2) Controlled substances listed as schedule I or II, except morphine
- 3) Cancer chemotherapeutics
- 4) Antipsychotics

HB 2028 was signed by the Governor on May 20, 2002. In addition to the above, the bill requires naturopathic physicians complete additional training in pharmacotherapeutics. After January 1, 2005, only naturopaths who have completed the training and passed a test in pharmacotherapeutics will be authorized to prescribe. A method of identifying those who have the authority to prescribe will be developed and the pharmacy profession will be informed prior to 2005.