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### **IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION REGARDING TRAMADOL**

Effective August 18, 2014, Tramadol will be classified as a Schedule IV controlled dangerous substance (CDS) under federal regulation. If you dispense Tramadol to your patients, you are required to report this to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). If you write a prescription for Tramadol, but do NOT dispense this medication, you are not required to report to the PDMP.

The Division of Drug Control (DDC) has posted the following information on its web site: USDOJ/DEA, 21 CFR (Federal Register) Part 1308: Schedules of Controlled Dangerous Substances: Placement of Tramadol into Schedule IV (Final Rule).

#### **The link is:**

<http://dhmh.maryland.gov/laboratories/drugcont/docs/DEA%20%28CFR%20Final%20Rule%29%20Tramadol%20Schedule%20IV%20Placement%20%28Eff.8-18-2014%29.pdf>.

The Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners is pleased to provide Maryland dentists with this notification regarding the upcoming Schedule IV placement of Tramadol. Please adjust your practice accordingly.