



Office of Controlled Substances Administration
Office of Provider Engagement and Regulation,
Public Health Services

Please be advised the following notice has been issued by the Maryland Department of Health Secretary, effective May 8, 2020.

Notice - Waiver of CDS Registration Requirement for Out-of-State Applicants for a Maryland Controlled Dangerous Substance Registration

This notice allows Out-of-State practitioners to apply for a waiver to prescribe and administer Controlled Dangerous Substances (“CDS”) under certain circumstances without first obtaining a Maryland CDS registration from the Office of Controlled Substances Administration (OCSA). Practitioners eligible for this waiver must complete a Waiver Form (attached and posted on [OCSA Website](#)), have a CDS and DEA registration in their home state in good standing, and be practicing at a health care facility as defined in the below Executive Order.

Please note that out-of-state practitioners prescribing and administering CDS under a facility DEA number do not need to complete this waiver form.

In addition to this Notice, out-of-state practitioners must abide by the following:

- The [DEA waiver](#) put in place for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency; and
- The Maryland Governor’s [3/16/2020 Executive Order – Health Care Matters](#).

Waiver Form Required:

Prior to prescribing or administering CDS in Maryland under the conditions of this waiver, the practitioner must complete a waiver form and submit the waiver form to the Office of Controlled Substances Administration via email to sandra.yankosky@maryland.gov. If you have any questions please contact Sandy Yankosky for assistance.

This waiver is in effect for the duration of the DEA waiver or until the state of emergency in Maryland has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, whichever is earlier.