

FAST FACTS:

New Jersey's New Opioid Law



Effective May 15, 2017 your doctor's prescribing practices of opioid pain medication for treatment of your acute or chronic pain has changed. Here is what to expect under the new law.

Prior to issuing you a new opioid prescription, your doctor will:

- ✓ Discuss and document the results of your thorough medical history, including your experience with non-opioid medication and non-pharmacological pain management approaches and substance abuse history.
- ✓ Develop a personalized treatment plan, with particular attention focused on determining the exact cause of your pain.

When writing a new opioid prescription, your doctor must:

- ✓ Check your opioid prescription history
- ✓ Discuss your past experiences with opioids and other pain treatments
- ✓ Provide you with a treatment plan
- ✓ Discuss the risk of opioids
- ✓ Only prescribe up to five days of opioids

When writing a second opioid prescription, your doctor must:

- ✓ Only prescribe a refill on the fourth day of your initial five-day prescription
- ✓ Check your opioid prescription history
- ✓ Discuss the risk of opioids
- ✓ Only prescribe up to 30 days' worth of opioid medication

When writing the third prescription, your doctor must:

- ✓ Discuss the state-required Chronic Pain Management Contract

You must:

- ✓ Agree to follow the rules and enter into a pain management agreement with your doctor