1   21 NCAC 36 .0817 is adopted under temporary procedures ==with changes== as follows:

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3   **21 NCAC 36 .0817 COVID-19 DRUG PRESERVATION RULE**

4   (a) The following drugs are "Restricted Drugs" as that term is used in this Rule:

5   (1)   Hydroxychloroquine;

6   (2)   Chloroquine;

7   (3)   Lopinavir-ritonavir;

8   (4)   Ribavirin;

9   (5)   Oseltamivir;

10   (6)   Darunavir; and

11   (7)   Azithromycin.

12   (b) A nurse practitioner shall prescribe a Restricted Drug only if that prescription bears a written diagnosis from the

13   prescriber consistent with the evidence of its use.

14   (c) When a patient has been diagnosed with COVID-19, any prescription of a Restricted Drug for the treatment of

15   COVID-19 shall:

16   (1)   Indicate on the prescription that the patient has been diagnosed with COVID-19;

17   (2)   Be limited to no more than a [~~fourteen day~~] ==14-day== supply; and

18   (3)   Not be refilled, unless a new prescription is issued in conformance with this Rule, including not

19   being refilled through an emergency prescription [~~refill~~] ==refill.==

20   (d) A nurse practitioner shall not prescribe a Restricted Drug for the prevention of, or in anticipation of, the contraction

21   of COVID-19 by someone who has not yet been diagnosed.

22   (e) A prescription for a Restricted Drug may be transmitted orally only if all information required by this Rule is

23   provided to the pharmacy by the nurse [~~practitioner,~~] ==practitioner, or the nurse practitioner's agent==, and that

24   information is recorded in writing ==in accordance with 21 NCAC 46 .1819(e).== ~~by the pharmacy, along with the identity~~

25   ~~of the nurse practitioner transmitting the prescription.~~

26   (f) This Rule does not affect orders for administration to inpatients of health care facilities.

27   (g) This Rule does not apply to prescriptions for a Restricted Drug for a patient previously established on that

28   particular Restricted Drug on or before March 10, 2020.

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30   *History Note:*   *Authority G.S. 90-171.23; [~~90-171.49,~~] 90-5.1; [~~90-8.2; 90-12.5~~] 90-8.2.*

31   *Eff.* ==*June 26, 2020*==