

21 NCAC 36 .0815 is amended, with changes, as published in NCR 32:02, pages 73-74, as follows:

21 NCAC 36 .0815 REPORTING CRITERIA

(a) The Department of Health and Human Services ("Department") may report to the North Carolina Board of Nursing ("Board") information regarding the prescribing practices of those nurse practitioners ("prescribers") whose prescribing:

- (1) falls within the top ~~one~~ two percent of those prescribing 100 ~~morphine milligrams~~ milligram of morphine equivalents ("MME") per patient per day; or
- (2) falls within the top ~~one~~ two percent of those prescribing 100 MMEs per patient per day in combination with any benzodiazepine and who are within the top one percent of all controlled substance prescribers by volume.

(b) In addition, the Department may report to the Board information regarding prescribers who have had two or more patient deaths in the preceding 12 months due to opioid poisoning, poisoning where the prescribers authorized more than 30 tablets of an opioid to the decedent and the prescriptions were written within 60 days of the patient deaths.

(c) The Department may submit these reports to the Board upon request and may include the information described in G.S. 90-113.73(b).

(d) The reports and communications between the Department and the Board shall remain confidential pursuant to G.S. 90-113.74.

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