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Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement *Guideline for Registered Community Pharmacy (Retail Pharmacy) Operation of Automated Dispensing Systems in Residential Health Care Facilities* (January 2015 Revised).

The purpose of this guideline is to provide information to registered community pharmacies (retail pharmacies) and Residential Health Care Facilities (RHCF) regarding licensing, installation, and operation of automated dispensing systems (ADS) containing controlled substances.

The guideline does not replace Article 33 of the Public Health Law, Part 80 regulations, and the laws and regulations of the New York State Board of Pharmacy.

Class 11 licensees are strongly encouraged to review their policies in place relative to the operation of Automated Dispensing Systems and update these policies as necessary to ensure Bureau expectations are being met.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement at 1-866-811-7957 (Option #1).

Sincerely,



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