

NC Controlled Substances Reporting System (CSRS) Gabapentin FAQ for Veterinarian Medicine Prescribers

This Frequently Asked Questions document has been created to address the implementation of required Gabapentin reporting in the NC CSRS in the Session Law 2023-65 Part XI Section 11.1 G.S. 90-113.73(b)

1. When does this law go into effect?

- For the veterinarian community, this law comes into effect on March 1, 2025. For other health care sectors, the law goes into effect a year earlier, on March 1, 2024.

2. Is Gabapentin a controlled substance in North Carolina?

- No, Gabapentin is not a controlled substance in North Carolina.

3. Why is Gabapentin included in the NC CSRS if it isn't a controlled substance?

- There is evidence that Gabapentin, when taken with opioids, can increase the risk of unintended overdose. By including gabapentin in the CSRS, prescribers of controlled substances, can access all relevant information required to make the best clinical decision for their patients.

4. Will I have to report dispensations to the NC CSRS?

- If you are completing direct dispensations of Gabapentin, you will have to report dispensations to the NC CSRS. Training on how to do so can be accessed through DHHS.

5. Will this limit the quantities of Gabapentin kept in stock?

- No, the law does not address the quantities of Gabapentin that may be kept in stock. Please continue to follow your current protocols.

6. Will this impact how Gabapentin is inventoried or record keeping practices?

- No, the law does not address Gabapentin inventorying or record keeping. Please continue to follow your current protocols.

7. Will this impact the disposal or destruction for Gabapentin?

- No, the law does not address the disposal or destruction procedures for Gabapentin. Please continue to follow your current protocols.