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TO: All Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs)

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SUBJECT: Prescribing Authority

Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary

PIN 16-05-ASC provides guidance on accepting medication orders for residents in RCFEs that are written by medical professionals other than a physician.

Existing California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22 Section [87465](#) “Incidental Medical and Dental Care,” require prescriptions for RCFE residents be authorized by the resident’s physician.

Other laws and regulations governing healthcare professions permit non-physicians to prescribe medications within their scope of practice. However, until regulations are updated to authorize RCFE licensees to accept medication orders written by non-physicians, RCFE licensees must obtain an approved waiver request, as permitted by the CCR, Title 22 Section [87209](#), “Program Flexibility” to accept a medication order from an healthcare professional other than a physician.

If you have any questions, please contact the applicable Adult and Senior Care [Regional Office](#).