

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCRIPTIONS

Effective July, 1, 2003 Florida Statute 456.42 requires that all written prescriptions *must* be legibly printed or typed and must be signed by the prescribing practitioner on the day of issue. Further, the prescription *must* contain the following:

- name of the prescribing practitioner;
- name and strength of the drug prescribed;
- quantity of the drug prescribed in both *textual* and *numerical* formats;
- directions for use of the drug; and
- date of the prescription with the month written out in *textual* letters.

Failure to issue prescriptions as set forth by the new requirements is a violation of Florida law and will subject the practitioner to disciplinary action of their license to practice.