

## WHAT MAKES A PRESCRIPTION?

- A prescription is a legal document and is required to contain specific information
- Must Contain:
  - Date that prescription was written
  - Name and Address of Patient
  - Name of drug/product
  - Strength/Dose of Medication
  - Route of Administration
  - Quantity to be dispensed
  - Instructions for Use
  - Number of refills
  - Name and phone number of Prescriber
  - Signature of prescriber
- How long are they valid? For one year from the date written if not a controlled medication
- Can you alter a script after being signed by a prescriber? No, if the script is written without quantity or refills, you should not (legally cannot) write on top of the same script and resend it.
- Please ensure all information is present prior to sending the script to the pharmacy
- Potential fraudulent activity to be aware of: calling in a medication pretending to be a clinician, altering a pre-existing prescription
- Controlled Substances: the script either needs to be ecribed by provider or original hardcopy should be given to delivery driver. A photocopy of a hard script is not acceptable to provide to the pharmacy. Also, a fax of a faxed script does not qualify. It needs to be directly from the source.
- If using a hospital discharge med list, please have the prescriber specifically indicate near the signature “can fill for 30 days with 11 refills” for example.
- The best way to avoid any issues is for the prescribers to send eScripts. When sent through eScripts all of the information will automatically be included.