

1 21 NCAC 46 .1819 is adopted under emergency procedures as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 46 .1819 COVID-19 DRUG PRESERVATION RULE**

4 (a) The following drugs are “Restricted Drugs” as that term is used in this Rule:

5 _____ (1) Hydroxychloroquine;

6 _____ (2) Chloroquine;

7 _____ (3) Lopinavir-ritonavir;

8 _____ (4) Ribavirin;

9 _____ (5) Oseltamivir;

10 _____ (6) Darunavir; and

11 _____ (7) Azithromycin.

12 (b) A pharmacist shall fill or refill a prescription for a Restricted Drug only if that prescription bears a written
13 diagnosis from the prescriber consistent with the evidence for its use.

14 (c) When a patient has been diagnosed with COVID-19, any prescription of a Restricted Drug for the treatment of
15 COVID-19 shall:

16 _____ (1) Indicate on the prescription order that the patient has been diagnosed with COVID-19;

17 _____ (2) Be limited to no more than a fourteen (14) day supply; and

18 _____ (3) Not be refilled, unless a new prescription order is issued in conformance with this Rule, including
19 not being refilled through an emergency prescription refill.

20 (d) A pharmacist shall not fill or refill a prescription for a Restricted Drug for the prevention of, or in anticipation
21 of, the contraction of COVID-19 by someone who has not yet been diagnosed.

22 (e) A prescription for a Restricted Drug may be transmitted orally only if all information required by this Rule is
23 provided to the pharmacy by the physician or the physician’s agent, and that information is recorded in writing by
24 the pharmacy, along with the identity of the physician or physician’s agent transmitting the prescription.

25 (f) This Rule does not affect orders for administration to inpatients of health care facilities.

26 (g) This Rule does not apply to prescriptions for a Restricted Drug for a patient previously established on that
27 particular Restricted Drug on or before March 10, 2020.

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29 History Note: Authority G,S, 90-85.6, 90-85.26, and 90-85.32;

30 Emergency Adoption Eff. April 1, 2020.