

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

TO: Court Officials  
 Multiple Agency Narcotics Unit  
 Pharmacies within the Judicial District 30A

FROM: James U. Downs, Resident Superior Court Judge

SUBJECT: Access to Pharmacy records

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The purpose of this Order is:

- 1) To authorize release of pharmacy records pursuant to G.S. 90-85.36 to the Sheriff of Cherokee County or his designees to wit: Agents of the Multiple Agency Narcotics Unit, whose primary function is the enforcement of the violations of the North Carolina Controlled Substance Act and Federal Drug Laws.
- 2) To authorize Agents of the Multiple Agency Narcotics Unit, to have access to pharmacy records, upon request, relating to any case in which Controlled Substance violations are related to prescription drugs.
- 3) To reduce deaths and injuries related illegal use, possession, and trafficking in prescription drugs, and to aid in the reductions of costs associated with prescription drug fraud.
- 4) To provide the protection of a court order to Pharmacies and providers who disclose information for the mutual benefit of society and achieve the maximum public safety.

Therefore, in accordance with G.S. 90-85.36, I hereby ORDER, ADJUDGE, and DECREE that Pharmacies within the Judicial District 30A shall release pharmacy records to the Sheriff of Cherokee County or his designee, to wit: Agents of the Multiple Agency Narcotics Unit.

I further authorize any and all pharmacies in the Judicial District 30A to furnish information which the Pharmacy may possess to the Sheriff of Cherokee County or his designee to wit: Agents of the Multiple Agency Narcotics Unit when necessary to the safety of the community, in compliance with Federal and State laws affecting the Pharmacy

Upon receipt of this Administration Order, the Clerk of Superior Court of each county is hereby directed to file same and Said Order shall remain in full force until rescinded by the undersigned or by operation of law.

Date: January 5, 2009

*[Signature of James U. Downs]*  
 James U. Downs  
 Resident Superior Court Judge  
 Judicial District 30A

**A TRUE COPY**  
 CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT  
 CHEROKEE COUNTY

By *[Signature]*  
 Clerk Superior Court

cc: Superior Court Judges  
 District Attorney/Assistant District Attorneys  
 Clerks of Superior Court  
 Multiple Agency Narcotics Unit