

# Important Changes to Your Prescriptions

## For Medications Containing Hydrocodone



The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has announced stricter rules and guidelines for medications that contain hydrocodone, an opioid used for pain relief. These changes affect all physicians, pharmacies, and patients in the U.S.

### What are the changes you should know?

As of **October 6, 2014**, refills for hydrocodone combination medications will no longer be allowed at Kaiser Permanente. Every request will require a NEW prescription from your doctor, which your doctor must now write on a special prescription paper form. Your local pharmacy cannot fill your medication without this new prescription. Additionally, these medications can no longer be provided through our mail order service.

There are several ways you can request a new prescription:

- Log on to [kp.org/mydoctor](http://kp.org/mydoctor) and order the medication as you normally do. The request will be sent to your doctor.
- Call the yellow highlighted phone number printed on the upper right corner of your prescription label. The request will be sent to your doctor.
- Contact your doctor by telephone or secure e-mail on [kp.org/mydoctor](http://kp.org/mydoctor).

**For your convenience, please plan to request any continuing supply of medication containing hydrocodone as far in advance as possible, in order to allow time for your provider and pharmacy to process and fill your prescription.**