



**MARCH 5, 2018**

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#### **MORE DETAIL REGARDING OPIOID FORM FOR MINORS**

The provision that requires the Start Talking Consent Form applies when writing the first prescription in a single course of treatment for a minor **AND** the prescription is for a controlled substance **containing an opioid**. This particular requirement **does not apply** when prescribing other schedule 2 to 5 controlled substances that do not contain an opioid. Also, there is no requirement to amend existing medication contracts regardless of whether or not an opioid is being prescribed. The following are other circumstances in which the form is not required:

- (1) If the minor's treatment is associated with or incident to a medical emergency;
- (2) If the minor's treatment is associated with or incident to a surgery, regardless of whether the surgery is performed on an inpatient or outpatient basis;
- (3) If, in the prescriber's professional judgment, fulfilling the requirements would be detrimental to the minor's health or safety;
- (4) If the minor's treatment is rendered in a hospice or an oncology department of a hospital.
- (5) If the prescriber is issuing the prescription for the minor at the time of discharge from a hospice or oncology department of a hospital; or
- (6) If the consent of the minor's parent or guardian is not legally required for the minor to obtain treatment.

It is important to note that the Start Talking Consent form **must be on a form that is separate from any other document** that a prescriber uses to obtain the informed consent for the treatment of a minor. Also, in situations in which the Start Talking Consent Form is required, the signed form must be included in the patient's medical record.

For a copy of the Start Talking Consent Form for prescribing opioids to minors, **[PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)**

**OPIOID EDUCATION & TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

Michigan Center for Rural Health, in joint partnership with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is offering a FREE program - **"Improving Opioid Prescribing - Sustainable Solutions for Michigan's Rural Health Providers"** on March 22, 2018, in Traverse City. FREE, but at this time, no CEs available. For more information and registration, [CLICK HERE](#).

#### **MEDICATION QUESTION?**

Would you like to ask a pharmacist about a medication? Want to know the latest on a drug or have an interaction question? Something else? Well, answers are just an email away. The NPO Pharmacists can be reached at [Rx@npoinc.org](mailto:Rx@npoinc.org). Email your question and contact information and they will get back to you with answers. **PLEASE** do **NOT** send confidential patient information in the email; if necessary, the pharmacists will contact you for that information.

We look forward to hearing from you!

#### **NPO PGIP DISTRIBUTION - CITIZENSHIP COMPONENT**

The Citizenship component of the NPO PGIP Distribution is to **acknowledge** and encourage physician participation and leadership. Any of the following by a **physician** will fulfill the Citizenship measure:

1. Active NPO committee participation (50% or more attendance).
2. Attendance at 2 or more NPO physician meetings or educational sessions.
3. Active NPO project participation (projects initiated and managed by NPO to pilot/develop process solutions).
4. Physician attendance at an NPO Medical Director meeting in the practice (please contact NPO to schedule).

1st Healthcare Compliance  
**SUPER NINJA!**

***Congratulations to Terri Councilor at Dr. Ruoff's practice for being named a  
1st Healthcare Compliance Super Ninja!***

# Compliance Super Ninja



## ***Terri Councilor***

*Office Coordinator*

***Gary S. Ruoff D.O.***

### **How would you describe your experience with First Healthcare Compliance?**

Our experience has been excellent. The program has worked very well for us and they are good at getting back to us with information. The training has also been beneficial for us - I don't have to go searching for it, it's all right there.

### **What do you enjoy most about working with your office?**

We are a busy office with an exceptional group of people. They are all team players and what we foster within our team transcends out to our patients. We prioritize consistent availability to our patients through a team effort.

### **Would you rather be completely invisible for one day or be able to fly for one day?**

I would rather be able to fly for one day. There are a lot of things I haven't seen and this way I could take it all in from a different perspective.



*Each month we highlight one exceptional compliance professional chosen by our client services team. If our team notices your compliance chops, you might be the next Ninja!*

1st Healthcare Compliance is a "single source" compliance solution that is available through NPO with an annual cost of \$75.00 per employee of a practice. Please contact Bryanna via email at [bpataky@npoinc.org](mailto:bpataky@npoinc.org) , or (231) 421-8505 if your practice would like to sign up for 1st Healthcare Compliance or for more information.

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### PARTNERS IN PEDIATRIC CARE 2018

Join us for our annual course focusing on the integration of primary and subspecialty care for children with acute or chronic disease.

**Friday, May 11, 2018**

**Kensington Hotel, Ann Arbor, MI**  
**OR stream the event live, online!**

Sessions will include topics in pediatric endocrinology, developmental behavioral health, pediatric anxiety and ADHD, pain management and pediatric advocacy.

Sign up for email updates and notification when registration opens at [mottchildren.org/cme](http://mottchildren.org/cme) or by calling M-LINE at 800-962-3555.



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### 2018 SUMMER STROLL for EPILEPSY

A colorful poster for the 2018 Summer Stroll for Epilepsy. The background is yellow with a rainbow arc. The text 'Summer Stroll for Epilepsy' is in a cursive font with a small cartoon character. The year '2018' is in large blue numbers. A red starburst says 'New Mini Stroll'. The event schedule is listed below:

**April 28 - Clinch Park, Traverse City**  
**June 2 - Dow Diamond, Midland**  
**June 9 - Celery Flats, Kalamazoo County**  
**June 23 - Detroit Zoo, Metro Detroit**  
**July 14 - Potter Park, Lansing**  
**July 28 - Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids**

To register, [CLICK HERE!](#)

### Helpful Resources & Upcoming Events

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