



## Commission of Correction

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### **CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM**

**NO:** 1-2015

**DATE:** February 26, 2015

**TO:** SHERIFFS, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION, NEW YORK CITY WARDENS, FACILITY MEDICAL DIRECTORS, HEALTH SERVICE ADMINISTRATORS, AND NURSE ADMINISTRATORS

**RE:** Electronic Prescriptions

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Effective March 27, 2015, changes to the New York State Public Health Law will require nurse practitioners, dentists, physicians, and physician assistants to issue prescriptions electronically and directly to a pharmacy. Neither e-mailed nor faxed prescriptions are considered an electronic prescription. For more detailed information on electronic prescription requirements and this change in the Public Health Law, please access the New York State Department of Health website at:

[http://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/narcotic/official\\_prescription\\_program/](http://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/narcotic/official_prescription_program/)

and the New York State Department of Education, Office of the Professions website at:

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/news/advisory-notice.html>.

If you have not already done so, the Commission of Correction would encourage an immediate collaborative review, between the Sheriff/Commissioner and health services administrations of a local correctional facility, to ensure that the forthcoming electronic prescription requirements will not cause an interruption in inmate health services delivery.

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Thomas A. Beilein, Chairman