



Dear Practitioner,

Riverside Remedies Pharmacy is collaborating with your patient's summer camp to fill prescription medications for their stay this summer. This letter is intended as an informal roadmap for the items that we believe will make the process run as smoothly as possible.

Please ensure that prescriptions contain the following information:

- Patient's full name and date of birth.
- Name of summer camp attending.
- Medication name, strength, and frequency of use.
- Quantity prescribed.
 - **Over-the-counter medications** and vitamins **DO** require a prescription for us to dispense. Medications are blister packaged and labeled for your patient's individual use at the appropriate dosing intervals. The New York State Education Department's *Guidelines for Medication Management in Schools* requires a provider order and parent/guardian consent to administer any OTC medication at school; Riverside Remedies adheres to the same guidelines for administration of OTC meds at camp. Additionally, having a record of all of your patient's medications and supplements allows us to screen for interactions more effectively, in the event that additional medications are prescribed by the camp physician (e.g. antibiotics).
 - **For non-controlled medications and OTC items**, we recommend writing **one** prescription for a single full-session supply of sixty days. We will adjust the actual quantity dispensed as necessary, depending on insurance or packaging limitations. Non-controlled and OTC prescriptions may be mailed to our pharmacy, faxed, e-scribed, or called in via telephone.
 - **For controlled substances**,
 - Prescriptions in New York expire 30 days after the written or transmitted date, even if you specify a "Do not fill before" date. We recommend sending these prescriptions during the first week of June.
 - We may fill a maximum of 30 days' supply in New York per prescription under most circumstances, so two prescriptions may be required for the full duration of camp session.
 - We prefer E-scribing, if possible; otherwise, we must receive an original hard copy prescription for each month supply by mail. Controlled substance prescriptions may be mailed or e-scribed **ONLY**; they cannot be faxed or called in.
- Prescriber's signature and date written. Controlled substance prescriptions must also include your DEA number.

Other recommendations:

- Prescriptions for OTCs and vitamins do not need to specify the **EXACT** item. Writing for "Daily MVI qd" is sufficient, and we will determine the exact item to dispense based on the patient's registration form (e.g. Flintstones vs Lil Critters).
- Medications written for once-daily dosing will be assigned to **morning administration** by default. If you prefer specific times of administration, please include them in the directions.
- Please avoid "Use As Directed" instructions for inhalers, insulin, oral steroid tapers, topical medications, etc. Prescriptions lacking explicit instructions will not be filled without clarification.
- All prescriptions will be filled generically unless **Dispense As Written** or **Brand Medically Necessary** are clearly written or indicated on the face of the prescription.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

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We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to working with you in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

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