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Prior law requires prescriptions for Schedule III and IV controlled dangerous substances to be in writing or an oral prescription.

New law retains prior law and additionally allows a prescription for a Schedule III and IV controlled dangerous substances to be in an electronic format which is in accordance with federal law and regulation.

New law provides that a prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule II, III, IV, or V may be generated, signed, transmitted, and received in electronic form, but only in conformance with the federal rules established by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration at 21 CFR 1311.

New law expands the definition of prescription to encompass an electronic prescription order for the purposes of the La. Medical Assistance Trust Fund.

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(Amends R.S. 40:978(A) and (B) and R.S. 46:2622(17); adds R.S. 40:978(D))