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E-PRESCRIBING COMPLIANCE DEADLINE MAY BE POSTPONED

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For New York physicians, nurse practitioners, optometrists, podiatrists, physician assistants, and nurse midwives, the deadline for complying with e-prescribing requirements might change. On Tuesday, February 10, 2015, the New York State Senate passed Senate Bill S02486, which extends the deadline for complying with the e-prescribing requirements by one year, from March 27, 2015, to March 27, 2016. The bill is now in the Assembly and there is a general expectation that it should pass the Assembly when the Assembly reconvenes in late February. There is a companion bill in the Assembly, but it has not progressed as quickly as the Senate version.

The e-prescribing requirement was passed into law in 2012 as part of the I-STOP law, which was designed to fight prescription drug abuse. The requirement, enacted as Public Health Law § 281(3) and Education Law § 6810(10), requires any person in New York issuing a prescription to do so electronically pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Commissioners of Health and Education. The regulations were promulgated on March 27, 2013, and can be found on the Department of Health Website.

If you have any questions about any of these new developments, please contact any attorney of our Firm at 585-730-4773.

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