

University of Colorado School of Medicine
Graduate Medical Education

Policy: Prescription Policy: Residents Writing for Staff, Family and Friends		
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In this document, “Resident” refers to both specialty Residents and subspecialty Fellows.

Policy

All Residents in an ACGME or GMEC approved training program are required to follow the Colorado Revised Statutes regarding distribution of controlled substances.

Colorado Revised Statutes 12-240-128 (a): “A physician training licensee shall be authorized to practice medicine only under the supervision of a physician licensed to practice medicine pursuant to section 12-240-110 or 12240-114 and only as necessary for the physician training licensee’s participation in the approved internship, residency, or fellowship designated on the licensee’s application for a physician training license.”

For a Resident with a training license or full license, any medication or treatment that is self-prescribed, prescribed by another Resident or Fellow, or prescribed for a member of the Resident’s own family is prohibited while in an approved training program. This action will be treated as unprofessional behavior.