

Memorandum



Subject

Revised Policy Regarding the Federal Government Doctor
(FEDDOC) Program
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To

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From

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The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the Office of Diversion Control's (OD) policy regarding the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) "FEDDOC" program. FEDDOC practitioners are individuals who are direct employees of a Federal government agency (not contract practitioners) and eligible for a fee exemption as set forth in 21 C.F.R. § 1301.21(a)(2). DEA has a longstanding policy regarding FEDDOC practitioners that permits a DEA registration be issued to the practitioner in one state, as long as, that person maintains a current professional license anywhere in the United States. After a recent review of this policy, and in consultation with the Office of Chief Counsel, this memo reaffirms the FEDDOC policy providing the following criteria are met:

- A FEDDOC practitioner's current official business address must be on his or her DEA application or reapplication form.
- Whenever a FEDDOC practitioner changes his or her official place of business, he or she must request a modification of registration pursuant to 21 C.F.R. § 1301.51, to reflect the location at which he or she is currently practicing.
- A FEDDOC practitioner can only use his or her fee exempt DEA registration for official business while working at a Federal facility.

The following agencies are current participants in DEA's FEDDOC Program:

BOP - Bureau of Prisons
CDC - Center for Disease Control and Prevention
DOJ - Department of Justice
DEA - Drug Enforcement Administration
FAA - Federal Aviation Administration
FDA - Food and Drug Administration
HHS - Department of Health and Human Services

- IHS - Indian Health Services
 - NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 - NCI - National Cancer Institute
 - NIH - National Institutes of Health
 - NIMH - National Institute of Mental Health
 - NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 - PHS - Public Health Services
 - USDA - U.S. Department of Agriculture
 - VA - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
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- Pentagon
 - U.S. Capitol Physician's Office
 - U.S. Customs and Border Protection
 - U.S. Postal Service
 - White House

If a FEDDOC practitioner wants to maintain a separate DEA registration for a private practice, which would include prescribing for private patients, he or she must be fully licensed to handle controlled substances by the state in which he or she is located pursuant to 21 C.F.R. § 1306.03(a). Under these circumstances, a FEDDOC practitioner is not eligible for the fee exemption under 21 C.F.R. § 1301.21(a)(2), to conduct his or her private practice, and must pay DEA's registration fee.

Any questions regarding the FEDDOC Program may be addressed to the Registration and Program Support Section at (202) 307-4925, or the Liaison and Policy Section at (202) 307-7297.