
Subsection B of 15.2.6.8 NMAC: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to improve and promote the health and safety of all participants in the horseracing industry.

15.2.6.8 VETERINARY PRACTICES:

B. Treatment restrictions:

(5) If a ~~person~~ **licensee** has a medical condition which makes it necessary to possess **or use** a prohibited substance, ~~or prescribed, or controlled substance~~ pursuant to Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 15.2.6.8 NMAC, that person ~~may~~ **shall provide to the Stewards:**

~~(a) request permission of the stewards or the commission in writing;~~
~~(b) furnish a letter from a licensed physician explaining why it is necessary for the person to possess a prohibited item; and~~

(a) A letter signed by a licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner certifying that the consumption of the prohibited, prescribed, or controlled substances will not adversely affect the divided attention, psychophysical abilities of the licensee, to include but not limited to reaction time and the ability to judge time and distance. The letter must certify that the prohibited, prescribed, or controlled substance will not affect a licensee's ability to carry out their responsibilities properly and safely while in the performance of their duties which includes being in actual physical control of a large equine animal or operating mechanical equipment on the grounds of the association and will not jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of the other individuals participating.

~~(e)~~ **(b)** a licensee must comply with any conditions and restrictions set by the stewards or the commission.
