

E-PRESCRIBING GUIDE – MEDICATION TAPERING (SCHEDULE IV)

SCHEDULE IV CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: E-PRESCRIBE ONLY (EPCS)

Clonazepam, lorazepam, temazepam, and zolpidem prescriptions cannot be faxed, phoned, or handwritten. Paper order forms are not accepted; this guide replaces them.

How to E-Prescribe

1. **Search for our pharmacy in your EPCS-enabled EHR.** Search the pharmacy directory for “Bayview Pharmacy”, or by ZIP code 02886, Warwick, RI. Your platform must be EPCS-certified with identity proofing and two-factor authentication.
2. **Verify you have the right location.** Confirm the listing matches the details in the box below before selecting it.
3. **Pick a drug entry that validates as controlled.** Your EHR’s drug database does not contain these compounded capsules and liquids. Select an entry for the same drug (“Clonazepam (bulk) powder” where your system offers it, otherwise any clonazepam, lorazepam, temazepam, or zolpidem product) so the EHR classifies the prescription as Schedule IV and EPCS validates it. Then describe the actual capsule or liquid in the body.
4. **Enter the formulation and transmit.** Lead with the Bayview code, then the full formulation, strength, quantity, directions with the length of the step, days’ supply, and refills as permitted for Schedule IV (up to 5 refills within 6 months, where state law allows). Include an ICD-10 diagnosis code.

IMPORTANT Put the formulation in the **sig / prescription body**, not in “Notes to Pharmacy”. Some EHRs treat that field as internal and never transmit it, so the prescription arrives with no formula and cannot be filled.

Pharmacy Name	Bayview Pharmacy
Address	3844 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886
NCPDP ID	4106882
NPI	1750455143
Phone	(401) 284-4505
Fax	(401) 284-4506 (not valid for Schedule IV prescriptions)

PRESCRIBE WITH BAYVIEW CODES

Every validated formulation has a short Bayview code (like **CLZ-CAP**), listed on the validated formulations sheet on page 2. Lead with the code in your compound / free-text entry and write the strength where the formulation is custom:

Bayview CLZ-CAP: clonazepam 0.4 mg capsule, #14. Take 1 capsule by mouth at bedtime for 14 days, then start the next step as directed. 14-day supply. Refills: 0. ICD-10: F41.0

One prescription per capsule strength. Send each step as its own e-prescription and state the length of the step in the directions. **A liquid** can carry several steps on one prescription with the mL schedule written out:

Bayview CLZ-S01: clonazepam 0.1 mg/mL oral suspension, 150 mL. Take 2 mL (0.2 mg) by mouth twice daily for 14 days, then 1.8 mL (0.18 mg) twice daily for 14 days. 28-day supply. Refills: 0. ICD-10: F41.0

Refills: Schedule IV allows a maximum of 5 within 6 months. Example directions show the format only and are not treatment recommendations; the taper schedule is the prescriber’s decision.

Not controlled: duloxetine, venlafaxine, mirtazapine, sertraline, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, bupropion, trazodone, and quetiapine tapers may be faxed on the separate Medication Tapering order form. Gabapentin has its own order form.

Questions? Call (401) 284-4505 and one of our pharmacists will walk you through it.

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Validated Formulations – Medication Tapering (Schedule IV)

Companion to the E-Prescribing Guide • Codes identify the form and strength; the prescriber may set a custom strength within the validated range • E-prescribe only (EPCS) • Schedule IV

CLONAZEPAM – oral capsule (microcrystalline cellulose filler)		dispensed per capsule
CLZ-CAP	Clonazepam ____ mg capsule, prescriber-set strength, validated range 0.1 to 0.9 mg	14 28 60
Capsule tapers are usually written as one 14–capsule prescription per step (for example 0.4 mg, then 0.3 mg, then 0.2 mg).		
CLONAZEPAM – oral suspension, measured with an oral syringe		dispensed per mL
CLZ-S005	Clonazepam 0.05 mg/mL oral suspension	150 mL
CLZ-S01	Clonazepam 0.1 mg/mL oral suspension	30 60 150 mL
CLZ-S05	Clonazepam 0.5 mg/mL oral suspension	60 mL
CLZ-S1	Clonazepam 1 mg/mL oral suspension	30 mL
LORAZEPAM		dispensed per mL or capsule
LRZ-S05	Lorazepam 0.5 mg/mL oral suspension	30 mL
LRZ-CAP	Lorazepam ____ mg capsule, prescriber-set strength (call to confirm)	as written
TEMAZEPAM		dispensed per capsule
TMZ-375	Temazepam 3.75 mg capsule (below the smallest manufactured capsule)	14 21 30
ZOLPIDEM		dispensed per mL or capsule
ZOL-S5	Zolpidem 5 mg/mL oral suspension	60 112 mL
ZOL-CAP	Zolpidem ____ mg capsule, prescriber-set strength (call to confirm)	30 90
Commercially available, so note the patient-specific change and reason (section 503A) if you write one of these: clonazepam 0.5, 1, and 2 mg tablets and 0.125, 0.25, 0.5, 1, and 2 mg orally disintegrating tablets; lorazepam 0.5, 1, and 2 mg tablets, 1, 1.5, 2, and 3 mg extended-release capsules, and 2 mg/mL oral concentrate; temazepam 7.5, 15, 22.5, and 30 mg capsules; zolpidem 5 and 10 mg tablets and 6.25 and 12.5 mg extended-release tablets. Not controlled: antidepressant, trazodone, and quetiapine tapers go on the Medication Tapering fax order form.		
Prescribing checklist: (a) Bayview code or full formulation and strength; (b) quantity for the step; (c) directions/SIG with the length of each step; (d) days' supply; (e) refills (max 5 within 6 months); (f) ICD-10 diagnosis code. Not listed? Additional strengths may be available; call the pharmacy to confirm before prescribing.		
SAFETY Compounded preparations are not FDA-approved. Benzodiazepines carry a boxed warning for abuse, misuse, addiction, physical dependence, and withdrawal reactions; FDA advises a gradual taper to reduce or stop the dose and caution with opioids (Drug Safety Communication, September 2020). Zolpidem carries a boxed warning for complex sleep behaviors. Abrupt discontinuation or rapid dose reduction can cause withdrawal reactions, including seizures.		