

## **Utilization of Controlled Substances by Health Care Professionals**

### **19a-14-55. Utilization of controlled substances**

Those health care practitioners identified in Section 19a-14 of the Connecticut General Statutes and regulated by the Department of Health Services who utilize controlled substances shall be subject to disciplinary action, as set forth in Section 19a-17 of the Connecticut General Statutes, if they utilize or store drugs in a manner which is not consistent with the public interest. In determining the public interest, the following factors shall be considered:

- (a) Maintenance of effective controls against diversion of controlled substances into other than duly authorized legitimate medical, scientific, or commercial channels;
- (b) Compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations concerning controlled substances;
- (c) Any conviction of the practitioner under any state or federal law relating to controlled substances;
- (d) Expiration, suspension, revocation, surrender or denial of the practitioner's federal controlled substance registration;
- (e) Prescribing, distributing, administering or dispensing of controlled substances in schedules other than those specified in the practitioner's state or federal registration. (Effective April 9, 1984.)