

# IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PATIENTS

Recent federal regulatory changes have altered how hydrocodone combined with other drugs can be prescribed. Hydrocodone combination products, such as Vicodin, Norco, and Lortab, are sometimes prescribed to treat moderate to severe pain.

Effective **October 6, 2014:**

- Refills will no longer be permitted for hydrocodone combination prescriptions.
- Hydrocodone combination prescriptions issued before October 6, 2014, will not qualify for refills. You will be required to obtain a new original prescription even if there are refills remaining on the old prescription.
- Hydrocodone combination prescriptions can no longer be called-in or faxed to pharmacies. You must obtain an original prescription or written hard copy from your physician.

Physicians are aware of the new federal regulations and will help you obtain access to appropriate medication(s) for your condition.