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**CARISOPRODOL MOVES TO IV CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE- Montana pharmacist need to inventory stock – effective January 11**

The DEA has followed the lead of 17 states and announced a final rule to reschedule carisoprodol in Schedule IV, effective January 11, 2012. Pharmacies who are not in states that have already made carisoprodol a controlled (like Montana) will need to inventory their stocks of carisoprodol as of January 11, and prescriptions written for carisoprodol prior to January 11, 2012 will be valid after January 11 as long as they are not over 6 months old and have not been refilled 5 or more times. MPA members with questions can contact: Ronald J. Klein, RPh, Executive Director, Montana Board of Pharmacy ó e-mail: [roklein@mt.gov](mailto:roklein@mt.gov) or by phone at: 406-841-2355

**MPA Winter Meeting in Big Sky- Register Today- Room Block Releases December 29th**

The MPA 2012 Winter CE will be held January 13-15 at Buckø T-4 Lodge in Big Sky, Montana. We have a strong program that will offer a total of **12.25 hours** for members who attend all 3 days. The CE includes important topics relevant to various pharmacy practice settings and will feature topics such as hypertension, anticoagulation, pain management, antimicrobial utilization, drug diversion, the new Montana Prescription Drug Registry and update on state and national pharmacy issues.

You can also enjoy skiing at Big Sky Resort or take in the local activities while learning, networking, and reconnecting with your peers. **Registration materials are attached and also available on our website** at [www.rxmt.org](http://www.rxmt.org) . *The MPA room block releases December 29<sup>th</sup> so make your reservations today.* If you have questions call 406-449-3843.

**MPA Dues Reminder – Pay On-line**

Just a reminder that MPA is currently in the process of collecting annual membership renewals. If you have not remitted your annual dues, you can easily make your payment on-line by visiting our website at [www.rxmt.org](http://www.rxmt.org) and clicking on the JOIN Page. Thank you for supporting MPA.