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Dear West Virginia APRN:

We've received an important reminder from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) that can help prevent delays in your application process.

The DEA reports that many West Virginia APRN applicants for a Controlled Substances (CS) registration are missing *prescriptive authority* on their state license. Without it, the DEA cannot process your application — leading to frustration and lost time.

Here's what to do before applying for DEA CS registration:

1. Apply for **prescriptive authority** through the West Virginia RN Board.
2. Wait until you are approved before submitting your DEA application.

Following these steps will help ensure a smoother process and avoid unnecessary delays.