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The Department of Public Health will hold a <u>public hearing</u> on amendments to the following regulations: <u>105 CMR 721.000 – Standards for Prescription Format and</u> <u>Security in Massachusetts</u>. The proposed amendments implement provisions of chapter 208 of the acts of 2018 (chapter 208 or the CARE Act) establishing a new requirement that most Schedule II through Schedule VI and device prescriptions be issued in a federally-compliant, secure electronic format (ePrescribing) rather than on paper or through an electronic system that does not meet federal security requirements. Proposed amendments also implement CARE Act updates to the partial fill law, while improving the efficiency and consistency of the regulation for both the Department and for the regulated community. The public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on June 27, 2019, in the Public Health Council Room, Second Floor, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, in Boston.