



# Gaming Commission

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Re: **Industry Notification – Adoption of Rulemaking - Updates to Thresholds for Controlled Therapeutic Medications [9 NYCRR §§ 4043.3(a) and 4120.3(a)]**

To Whom It May Concern:

On May 17, 2021, the New York State Gaming Commission adopted amendments to its thresholds for controlled therapeutic medications in horseracing [9 NYCRR §§ 4043.3(a) and 4120.3(a)]. The full text of the rules can be found on our website at <https://www.gaming.ny.gov/proposedrules.php>.

This rulemaking conforms Commission rules on thresholds for controlled therapeutic medications to national model rules of the Association of Racing Commissioners International, Inc. (ARCI).

ARCI modified the model rule thresholds for three drugs (detomidine, omeprazole and xylazine) based on developing research. ARCI also added to the list of thresholds amounts for another four routine therapeutic medications, three of which are antihistamines (cetirizine, cimetidine and ranitidine) and one of which is a muscle relaxant used in anesthetic protocols (guaifensin). The thresholds are consistent with New York's existing restricted time periods. Trainers who comply with such restricted time periods will be assured of not violating such thresholds.

Please be advised, the new rule becomes effective upon publication in the *State Register* on June 2, 2021.

Very truly yours,

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Acting Secretary