
The purpose of the proposed amendment is to clarify treatment restrictions prior to a race to protect the health and welfare of the equine athletes.

15.2.6.8 VETERINARY PRACTICES:

A. Veterinarians under authority of official veterinarian: Veterinarians licensed by the commission and practicing at any location under the jurisdiction of the commission are under the authority of the official veterinarian and the stewards.

B. Treatment restrictions:

(1) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, no person other than a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this jurisdiction and licensed by the commission may administer a prescription or controlled medication, drug, chemical or other substance (including any medication, drug, chemical or other substance by injection) to a horse at any location under the jurisdiction of the commission.

(2) Use of physical or veterinary procedures to mask the effects or signs of injury so as to allow training or racing to the detriment of the horses' health and welfare are prohibited.

~~[(2)]~~(3) This subsection does not apply to the administration of the following substances pursuant to the restrictions set forth in 15.2.6.9 NMAC or as they may interfere with post-race testing:

(a) a recognized non-injectable nutritional supplement or other substance approved by the official veterinarian;

(b) a non-injectable substance on the direction or by prescription of a licensed veterinarian;

(c) a non-injectable non-prescription medication or substance.

~~[(3)]~~(4) No person other than a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this jurisdiction and licensed by the commission, or a veterinary assistant licensed by the commission acting under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, shall possess on any location under the jurisdiction of the commission any of the following unless approved by the commission:

(a) any drug which is a narcotic, stimulant, or depressant, or any other substance or medication that has been prepared or packaged for injection by a hypodermic syringe, or hypodermic needle;

(b) any hypodermic syringe, hypodermic needle or any equipment associated with the aid of intravenous administration.

(c) No veterinary assistant licensed by the commission shall be allowed to administer a prohibited item pursuant to ~~[Paragraph (3) of]~~ Subsection B of 15.2.6.8 NMAC.
