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DLCA CONSUMER TIPS

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs (DLCA) is pleased to release consumer friendly tips that should be taken into consideration when purchasing prescription medication.

Consumer tips on prescription medication:

- **Ask Questions** –When your doctor hands you a prescription, ask these questions and write down the answers.
 - What is the exact name of the drug?
 - o What is it supposed to do?
 - o What dosage am I taking?
 - o How and when do I take it?
 - When do I stop?
 - What foods, drinks, or activities should be avoided while taking the drug?
 - What are the side effects? What do I do if I start feeling them?
 - Will this new prescription work safely with the other prescription and nonprescription medications I am taking?

