Can a naturopath prescribe medication?

Naturopaths are allowed to prescribe only a limited scope of medicines. In Washington, a naturopath is allowed to prescribe, administer, and use immunizations, contraceptive devices, non-legend medicines like vitamins, some legend drugs used for cosmetic purposes, and products containing codeine and testosterone (Schedules III, IV, and V only).[[1]](#footnote-1) Prior to admistering, prescribing, or ispensing a controlled substance, the naturopath must meet requirements of other Washington laws (WAC 426-836-211) and have been approved by the Board of Naturopathy to prescribe, administer and dispense medications, as well as obtained the appropriate registration issued by the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).[[2]](#footnote-2)

1. RCW 18.36A.020(10),WAC 246-836-210. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. WAC 246-836-211. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)