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To all Horsemen licensed by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission:

I'm writing to let everyone know that the proposed medication regulations from late last year are working their way through Frankfort. As a reminder, these regulations include:

- the 48-hour NSAID restriction and the ban on stacking;
- the 14-day stand-down on intra-articular corticosteroid injections and the ban on stacking;
- the 24-hour restriction on furosemide administration for 2-year-olds;
- the ban on bisphosphonate use in horses under 4 years old;
- the restriction on race day use of electronic therapeutics; and
- the medical history and veterinary examination requirements for entry.

We are hopeful that these regulations will be heard at the August 25, 2020 meeting of the General Assembly's Interim Joint Committee on Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations. If these regulations pass they will become law on the same day.

We don't want anyone to be caught unaware by these regulations, and we certainly don't want any violations due to lack of notification. I'm including the updated Withdrawal and Threshold guidelines, which are also being heard at the same Committee meeting. If the Committee enacts all of our proposed regulations, these will be the new guidelines as of August 25, 2020.

Please feel free to contact me at 502-338-3730, or by email at [bruce.howard@ky.gov](mailto:bruce.howard@ky.gov), with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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