Dear Parent,

This information will be helpful to you if ADD/ADHD medication is needed for your student on an on-going basis during the academic year. Our campus Health Center does NOT carry controlled substance medications. Students are to use area pharmacies for these needs. Two options are now available for MICHIGAN and OUT-OF-STATE students to make continuity of care more accessible through the school year.

1. Effective 11/2009, HB 4161 (Michigan) was signed into law which allows area pharmacists to dispense controlled substances written by both IN-STATE and OUT-OF-STATE physicians when a paper prescription is sent directly to the area pharmacy OR directly to the student at his/her college address. Another recent bill (Senate Bill 689) has been updated which allows a controlled substance prescription to remain valid for a maximum of 90 days once dated.

   Recommendations:
   a. Inform your student’s prescribing doctor to mail the monthly prescription directly to your son/daughter at the current college address to improve continuity of care. (Ideally)
   b. The prescribing doctor can have the option to mail the monthly prescription to your student’s area pharmacy of choice.

2. If during the academic school year, your student wishes to be evaluated for ADD/ADHD, an appointment can be scheduled with the Hope College Counseling and Psychological Services office. Our aim is to assist our students in achieving their medical and academic goals.

3. Should your student wish to request academic accommodations based on their diagnosis of ADD/ADHD, they can contact the Academic Support Center at 616-395-7830 for information about the accommodations that may be available.

Any questions regarding this information can be answered through Hope College Health Center at 616-395-7585.