

# Order Farmapram Online Convenient Home Delivery

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## PRESCRIPTION NOT NEEDED

### Overview

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) conducted an investigation into certain U.S.-based Internet pharmacies selling narcotics without prescriptions. The study focused on the availability and safety of prescription drugs online and the business practices of these Internet pharmacies.

Between March and June 2004, GAO attempted to purchase **hydrocodone**, an addictive Schedule III opioid pain medication, from eight online pharmacies. The investigation aimed to determine how these sites operate, the role of physicians, and whether purchases could be made without a prescription..

Farmapram, also known as Alprazolam, is a prescription medication commonly used to treat anxiety and panic disorders. Due to its effectiveness, it is in high demand. However, like other controlled substances, it has **potential for misuse and dependence**, making it a regulated medication in the United States and many other countries.

GAO-like investigations reveal that some online pharmacies offer Farmapram without proper prescriptions, creating **significant safety, legal, and financial risks** for consumers.

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## Key Findings

### 1. Farmapram Can Be Purchased Online Without a Prescription

- Certain websites allow individuals to buy Farmapram without providing a valid prescription or undergoing a physician consultation.
- In some cases, online forms or minimal telephone screenings are sufficient to obtain the medication.

### 2. Exorbitant Pricing

- Online pharmacies often charge **much higher prices** than local retail pharmacies.
- Patients without prescriptions may pay multiple times the standard retail price for Farmapram.

### 3. Questionable Physician and Pharmacy Practices

- Some physicians affiliated with these online pharmacies issue prescriptions without verifying medical history or confirming prior use of Farmapram.
- Staff may handle consultations instead of licensed physicians, sometimes calling the patient directly rather than confirming with a prior healthcare provider.
- The primary business focus is often on dispensing controlled substances rather than providing legitimate patient care.

### 4. Misrepresentation of Clinics and Operations

- Some Internet pharmacies claim to operate legitimate clinics but may only have small offices with computers and phones.
- These locations often **lack evidence of actual healthcare services**, misleading consumers about the legitimacy of the operation.

### 5. Public Health Risks

- Purchasing Farmapram online without proper oversight exposes individuals to **counterfeit medications, improper dosages, and potential addiction**.
  - The convenience of online sales may unintentionally encourage misuse, particularly among individuals unfamiliar with the risks of benzodiazepines.
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## Safe Pathways for Obtaining Farmapram

- **Licensed Online Pharmacies:** Require a valid prescription issued by a licensed healthcare provider.
  - **Telehealth Services:** Offer consultations with licensed doctors who can prescribe Farmapram legally, which is then dispensed by a certified pharmacy.
  - **Avoid Unverified Sources:** Never purchase Farmapram from websites that do not ask for prescriptions, lack verifiable licensing, or offer unusually low prices.
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## Recommendations

- Only purchase Farmapram through **certified, regulated pharmacies**.
  - Ensure **physician consultations** are legitimate and documented.
  - Avoid online sources that **bypass prescription requirements**.
  - Be cautious of websites charging excessive prices or misrepresenting medical services.
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## Conclusion

The online sale of Farmapram without a prescription represents a **serious risk to public health and safety**. Consumers seeking legitimate treatment should use licensed pharmacies and telehealth services. Proper oversight and regulation are essential to prevent misuse and ensure safe access to medications.

