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## BULLETIN No. 04-03

To: Pharmacists, Technicians, Technician Candidates, & Pharmacies  
From: Malcolm Broussard  
Date: December 15, 2004  
Re: New Regulation and Other Important Information

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- *New Regulation for Pharmacy Technicians and Technician Candidates*

You may recall that we notified you in September about a change in the pharmacy law relative to the scope of practice for technicians and technician candidates. The Board has completed the process of writing the new regulations required by the new law; the final step occurred with the publication of the new rule in the November 2004 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. You can access that website at [www.doa.state.la.us/osr](http://www.doa.state.la.us/osr) to view a copy of the new rule. The new regulation will become effective January 1, 2005, and we will be sending a copy of the regulation next month to every subscriber to the law book. We will also post the new regulation on our website at the beginning of the year.
- *Certified Pharmacist Preceptor Regulation Effective January 1, 2005*

As we notified you earlier, the new regulation for certified pharmacist preceptors will become effective January 1, 2005. Any pharmacist who signs the affidavit for a pharmacy intern must be a certified preceptor. This new rule does *not* apply to pharmacists training pharmacy technician candidates. Interested pharmacists should contact the ULM and Xavier schools of pharmacy for the calendar of training seminars, then make application to the Board when they have completed the seminar.
- *Prescriptive Authority for Physician Assistants (PA)*

The Board of Medical Examiners has informed us that some physician assistants (PAs) now have authority to prescribe for prescription drugs and devices, excluding controlled substances. If you wish to verify that a certain PA has authority to write prescriptions, please contact the Board of Medical Examiners at (504) 568-6820. That Board is currently working on new rules that would allow PAs with DEA numbers to write prescriptions for controlled substances; we will keep you posted on the progress of that project.
- *Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions*

During its November 2004 meeting, the Board evaluated two different systems for the electronic transmission of prescriptions: SureScripts and SafeMed/Safescript. The Board found that neither system complies with existing pharmacy regulations relative to the confidentiality of prescription information. While SureScripts has assured the Board that they have not yet begun business in Louisiana, SafeMed has been actively conducting business in this state. Until the Board has certified these systems as in compliance with our regulations, you should not dispense medications based on documents alleged to be prescriptions that are transmitted through these systems.