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BULLETIN No. 17-02

To: All pharmacies, pharmacists, interns, technicians, and technician candidates
From: Malcolm J Broussard, Executive Director
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Re: Board Policy Statement re Transfer of Prescription Information Between Pharmacies of Prescriptions Not Yet Dispensed

During their August 23, 2017 meeting, the Board took notice of a recent policy statement issued by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration relative to the transfer of prescription information between pharmacies of prescriptions for controlled substances that have not yet been dispensed.

In response to numerous questions from pharmacists as well as reports of misinformation apparently communicated by some pharmacies, the Board determined it appropriate to adopt a policy statement relative to the transfer of prescription information between pharmacies of prescriptions that have not yet been dispensed.

The policy statement adopted by the Board is presented here:

The Board interprets its laws and rules such that pharmacies may transfer original prescription information for prescriptions that have not yet been dispensed, subject to the following provisions:

- *Prescriptions for medications not listed as a controlled substance may be transferred by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician; and further, the person transferring the prescription shall annotate the prescription as to the:*
 1. *date of its transfer;*
 2. *name and address of the receiving pharmacy;*
 3. *name of the person receiving the prescription.*
- *Electronic prescriptions which comply with the requirements in 21 CFR 1311 – but not written, faxed, or verbal prescriptions – for medications listed as a controlled substance may be transferred by a pharmacist; and further, the pharmacist transferring the prescription shall annotate the prescription as to the:*
 1. *date of its transfer;*
 2. *name, address, and DEA registration number of the receiving pharmacy;*
 3. *name of the pharmacist receiving the transfer information.*