

Louisiana Administrative Code

Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

Part LIII: Pharmacists

Chapter 24. Limited Service Providers

§2425. Telepharmacy Dispensing Site

A. General Requirements

1. At the time of its opening, there shall be no other pharmacies licensed by the board within 15 miles (driving distance) of the location of the telepharmacy dispensing site. This mileage restriction shall not apply if a demonstration of need is presented to the board and a waiver to the mileage restriction is deemed appropriate.
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B. Licensing Procedure

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6. In the event a telepharmacy dispensing site is dispensing more than 100 prescriptions per day based on a six month average, the telepharmacy dispensing site shall convert its permit to a community pharmacy permit prior to the expiration date of the telepharmacy dispensing site permit.

C. – C.2. ...

D. Closure of Permit

1. When the owner of the permit intends to close the telepharmacy dispensing site permanently, the owner's managing officer and the pharmacist-in-charge shall be accountable to the board for the proper closure of the pharmacy in compliance with Section 1133 of the board's rules this Part.
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E. Standards of Practice

1. Environmental Standards

- a. The prescription department shall consist of an area at least 300 square feet in size sufficient space commensurate with the nature and scope of the pharmacy's practice; this space shall be restricted to authorized personnel only and not accessible to the general public.

E.1.b. – E.1.g. ...

2. Minimum Staffing Requirements

- a. The pharmacist-in-charge of the supervising central pharmacy shall be the pharmacist-in-charge of the telepharmacy dispensing site, and this requirement shall operate as an exception to the provisions of Section Paragraph 1105.A.2 and Section Subsection 1105.K of the board's rules this Part. However, the pharmacist-in-charge shall comply with the remaining provisions of Section 1105 of the board's rules this Part.
- b. ...
- c. In the absence of a pharmacist, the site shall be staffed by one —and only one— or more Louisiana-licensed certified pharmacy technicians. The technician present at the telepharmacy dispensing site shall be included with the other personnel at the supervising central pharmacy when calculating the ratio of pharmacists to technicians.
- d. A pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician candidate may not practice at a telepharmacy dispensing site.
- e. ...

3. Operational Standards

- a. The telepharmacy dispensing site shall comply with the provisions of Chapters 11, 25, 27, and 29 of the board's rules this Part except when this Subchapter grants exceptions or imposes more stringent requirements.

E.3.b. – E.3.f. ...

54 g. A pharmacist shall counsel the patient or patient’s agent for all new prescriptions ~~and refills,~~
55 using ~~the~~ HIPAA compliant technology in the telepharmacy system. For prescription refills,
56 the pharmacist or pharmacy technician must offer a counseling session to the patient or
57 patient’s agent; when requested, the pharmacist shall provide such counseling using HIPAA
58 compliant technology in the telepharmacy system

59 E.3.h. – E.4.d. ...

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