

Louisiana Administrative Code

Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

Part LIII: Pharmacists

Chapter 25. Prescriptions, Drugs, and Devices

§2519. Prescription Refills; Medication Synchronization and Refill Consolidation

- A. ...
- B. Controlled Dangerous Substances.
 - 1. ...
 - 2. A prescription for a drug listed in Schedule III, or IV, or V may be refilled up to five times, if so indicated at the time issued.
 - 3. A prescription for a drug listed in Schedule V may be refilled without limitation subject to the one year expiration date of the prescription.
- C. Medication Synchronization and Refill Consolidation. These terms refer to a service which a pharmacist may perform for his patient, at the request of the patient, wherein he may proactively adjust the medication dispensing quantity and/or the refill schedule of a prescription in order to manage the patient's medication therapy, with the goal of improved medication adherence by the patient.
 - 1. ...
 - 2. With respect to prescriptions for controlled substances where refills have been authorized, pharmacists may utilize partial fills, as described in Paragraph §2747.C.5 of the board's rules this Chapter, but may not exceed the dispensing quantity noted on the original prescription.

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§2525. Prescription Expiration

- A. A prescription for a drug other than a controlled dangerous substance listed in Schedules II through IV shall expire one year after the date written.
- B. A prescription for a controlled dangerous substance shall expire:
 - 1. ...
 - 2. 6 months after the date of issue if the drug is listed in Schedule III, or IV, or V.
- C. ...

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Chapter 27. Controlled Dangerous Substances

§2745. Prescriptions

- A. – F. ...
- G. Controlled Substances Listed in Schedules III, IV, and V
 - 1. ...
 - 2. Expiration Date of Prescriptions
 - a. A prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule III, or IV, or V shall expire six

months after the date of issue, or following the acquisition of the number of refills authorized by the prescriber on the original prescription, whichever shall first occur.

b. A prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule V shall expire one year after the date of issue, or following the acquisition of the number of refills authorized by the prescriber on the original prescription, whichever shall first occur.

c. No pharmacist shall dispense any controlled substance pursuant to an expired prescription.

3. Refilling of Prescriptions

a. The prescriber may authorize the refilling of a prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule III, ~~or IV, or V~~ by including specific refill instructions on the prescription prior to its issuance. The maximum number of refills the prescriber may authorize is five ~~(5)~~.

b. The prescriber may authorize the refilling of a prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule V by including specific refill instructions on the prescription prior to its issuance. There is no limitation on the number of refills the prescriber may authorize, subject however to the one year expiration date of the prescription.

c. In the absence of a specific refill instruction on the original prescription from the prescriber, the prescription shall not be refilled.

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§2747. Dispensing Requirements

A. – B.8.b.iii ...

C. Prescriptions for Controlled Substances Listed in Schedule III, IV, or V

1. – 2.c. ...

3. Expiration Date

~~A pharmacist shall not dispense a prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule III, IV, or V more than six months after the date of issue. Further, when the number of refills authorized by the prescribing practitioner on the original prescription form have been dispensed, the prescription has expired; the pharmacist shall not dispense any further medication pursuant to that expired prescription.~~

a. A prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule III, or IV, ~~or V~~ shall expire six months after the date of issue, or following the acquisition of the number of refills authorized by the prescriber on the original prescription, whichever shall first occur.

b. A prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule V shall expire one year after the date of issue, or following the acquisition of the number of refills authorized by the prescriber on the original prescription, whichever shall first occur.

c. No pharmacist shall dispense any controlled substance pursuant to an expired prescription.

4. Refilling of Prescriptions

a. No prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule III, or IV, ~~or V~~ shall be filled or refilled more than six months after the date on which such prescription was issued and no such prescription authorized to be refilled may be refilled more than five times. No prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule V shall be filled or refilled more than one year after the date on which such prescription was issued.

b. – c.v. ...

5. Partial Filling of Prescriptions

The partial filling of a prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule III, IV, or V is permissible, provided that:

a. – b.ii. ...

c. no dispensing shall occur more than six months after the date on which the prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule III or IV was issued, or more than one year after the date on which the prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule V was issued.

6. Labeling of Medications and Filing of Prescriptions

- 107 a. – d. ...
- 108 e. All prescription forms shall be maintained in accordance with the requirements of Paragraph
- 109 §2731.B.7 of this Chapter.
- 110 7. – 7.a.iv. ...
- 111 8. Provision of Prescription Information between Retail Pharmacies and Central Fill Pharmacies
- 112 Prescription information may be provided to an authorized central fill pharmacy by a retail
- 113 pharmacy for dispensing purposes. The following requirements shall apply:
- 114 a. Prescriptions for controlled substances listed in Schedule III, IV, or V may be transmitted
- 115 electronically from a retail pharmacy to a central fill pharmacy, including via facsimile. The
- 116 retail pharmacy transmitting the prescription information shall:
- 117 i. ...
- 118 ii. ensure that all information required to on a prescription pursuant to Section §2745.C of
- 119 this Chapter is transmitted to the central fill pharmacy (either on the face of the
- 120 prescription or in the electronic transmission of information);
- 121 8.a.iii. – 8.b.iii. ...
- 122 D. Dispensing Controlled Substances without a Prescription
- 123 A controlled substance listed in Schedule II, III, IV, or V which is not a prescription drug as
- 124 determined under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act may be dispensed by a pharmacist
- 125 without a prescription to a purchaser at retail, provided that:
- 126 1. – 4. ...
- 127 5. a bound record book for dispensing of controlled substances under this Paragraph is maintained
- 128 by the pharmacist, which book shall contain the name and address of the purchaser, the name and
- 129 quantity of controlled substance purchased, the date of each purchase, and the name or initials of
- 130 the pharmacist who dispensed the controlled substance to the purchaser; further, this book shall be
- 131 maintained in conformance with the recordkeeping requirements identified in Paragraph
- 132 §2731.B.7 of this Chapter;
- 133 D.6. – F. ...

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