

**FINAL RULE**

**Department of Health and Hospitals  
Board of Pharmacy**

Cognitive Services (LAC 46:LIII.525)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (La. R.S. 49:950 *et seq.*) and the Pharmacy Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:1161 *et seq.*), the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy hereby adopts the new rule.

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Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

Part LIII: Pharmacists

Chapter 5. Pharmacists

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Subchapter B. Professional Practice Procedures

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**§525. Cognitive Services**

A. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section:

Cognitive services – those acts and operations related to a patient’s drug therapy that are judgmental in nature, based on knowledge, and derived from empirical factual information. Such services may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- a. Drug regimen review, drug use evaluation and drug information.
- b. Provision of advice and counsel on drugs, the selection and use thereof to the facility, the patients therein, the health care providers of the facility regarding the appropriateness, use, storage, handling, administration, and disposal of drugs within the facility.
- c. Participation in the development of policies and procedures for drug therapy within the institution, including storage, handling, administration, and disposing of drugs and devices.
- d. Assuring the compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

- e. Provision of educational and drug information sources for the education and training of the facility health care professionals.
- f. Accepting responsibility for the implementation and performance of review of quality-related or sentinel events.

B. Practice

- 1. A pharmacist who provides cognitive services to Louisiana residents shall be licensed by the board.
- 2. Cognitive services provided from outside a permitted pharmacy may not include the physical dispensing of medication to patients.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR38:1234 (May 2012).