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March 19, 2012

Senator John A Alario Jr., President
Louisiana Senate
PO Box 94183
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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Re: Report No. 2 of 3 for Regulatory Project 2011-1 ~ Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) Requirements
Report No. 2 of 3 for Regulatory Project 2011-2 ~ Cognitive Services
Report No. 2 of 3 for Regulatory Project 2011-7 ~ Penal Pharmacy
Report No. 2 of 3 for Regulatory Project 2012-1 ~ E-Communications
Report No. 2 of 3 for Regulatory Project 2012-2 ~ Hospital Pharmacy
Report No. 2 of 3 for Regulatory Project 2012-3 ~ Remote Processing of Medical Orders

Dear Senator Alario:

As we indicated in our first report to you on January 10, 2012, the Board is currently promulgating amendments to six different sections of its rules as described above. Subsequent to our Notices of Intent published in the January 20, 2012 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, we conducted a public hearing at the Board office on February 28, 2012.

The Board received one comment and suggestion relative to the Cognitive Services proposal from a representative for MEDCO Health Solutions, as well as a letter and verbal testimony relative to the Remote Processing of Medical Orders proposal from a representative for Rx Remote Solutions. Copies of the comments and the Board responses to each are enclosed within this report.

The Board has considered all comments and testimony and determined that no revisions to the original proposals are necessary. Further, the Board has determined it appropriate to move forward with the proposals as published.

Appended to this letter you should find a summary memo identifying the commentators, copies of those comments and the responses thereto, and then copies of the Notice of Intent and full text of the proposed rule for each of the six regulatory projects.

Subject to review by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Welfare, the Board proposes to publish the original proposed rules as Final Rules in the May 20, 2012 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. If you have any questions about the enclosed information or our procedures, please contact me directly at 225.925.6481 or mbroussard@pharmacy.la.gov.

For the Board:

Malcolm J. Broussard
Executive Director



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MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health & Welfare
From: Malcolm Broussard
Date: March 19, 2012
Re: Compilation of Comments from February 28, 2012 Public Hearing

With respect to the following regulatory projects, the Board received no comments or testimony:

- Regulatory Project 2011-1 ~ Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) Requirements
- Regulatory Project 2011-7 ~ Penal Pharmacy
- Regulatory Project 2012-1 ~ E-Communications
- Regulatory Project 2012-2 ~ Hospital Pharmacy

With respect to Regulatory Project 2011-2 ~ Cognitive Services, the Board received one written (e-mail) comment, from a representative of MEDCO Health Solutions. His comment and the Board's response is the first set of documents following this memorandum.

With respect to Regulatory Project 2012-3 ~ Remote Processing of Medical Orders, the Board received one written comment and verbal testimony in support of that written comment from an attorney representing Rx Remote Solutions, Inc. Their letter and the Board's response is the second set of documents following this memorandum.

Notice of Intent

Department of Health and Hospitals Board of Pharmacy

E-Communications

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 gives notice of its intent to amend several sections of its rules to facilitate the use of electronic communications processes for several of its credentials, including pharmacist licenses, technician certificates, and automated medication system registrations.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Malcolm J Broussard, Executive Director, Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809-1700. He is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding these proposed amendments. A public hearing on these proposed amendments is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board office. At that time, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing. The deadline for the receipt of all comments is 12:00 noon that same day.

Malcolm J Broussard
Executive Director
Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

Louisiana Administrative Code

Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

Part LIII: Pharmacists

Chapter 5. Pharmacists

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§505. Licensure

A. The board shall issue a license upon payment of appropriate fees when the board is satisfied the applicant is competent to practice pharmacy in the state.

~~1. License Display. A pharmacist's license shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the principal location where the pharmacist is engaged in the practice of pharmacy and in such a manner that said license may be seen by patrons.~~

~~2. Identification Card. The board shall issue an identification card to a pharmacist who completes the licensure process. A pharmacist shall have this identification card on his person when practicing outside of his principal practice site in order to show proof of licensure.~~

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 14:708

(October 1988, effective January 1, 1989), amended LR 29:2083 (October 2003, effective January 1, 2004), amended LR 33:1124 (June 2007).

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Chapter 9. Pharmacy Technicians

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§905. Pharmacy Technician Certificate

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B. Issuance and Maintenance

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3. The annual renewal shall expire and become null and void on June 30 of each year.

- a. The board shall ~~mail~~ make available, no later than May 1 of each year, and application for renewal to all pharmacy technicians to the address of record.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1212.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 14:708

(October 1988, effective January 1, 1989), repromulgated LR 19:1025 (August 1993), amended LR 30:2486 (November 2004, effective January 1, 2005).

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Chapter 12. Automated Medication Systems

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§1203. System(s) Registration

- A. The entire system shall be registered with the board and facilities shall meet the following conditions:

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6. Annual Renewal. The board shall ~~mail~~ make available an application for renewal to each registrant on or before May 1 each year. Said application shall be completed, signed, and, with annual fee, returned to the board office to be received on or before June 1 each year.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 26:1271 (June 2000, effective July 1, 2000).