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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](mailto: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

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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

#### Hospital Pharmacy

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 *Chapter 15 – Hospital Pharmacy*. In particular, the proposed amendments will provide labeling standards for medications compounded or prepackaged in hospital pharmacies.

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 15. Hospital Pharmacy**

**§1501. Cross References**

- A. For all regulations that apply to permitted hospital pharmacies concerning pharmacy practices not specifically stated in this chapter, refer to Chapter 11 and Chapter 25.

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 29:2093 (October 2003, effective January 1, 2004), amended LR

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**§1512. Hospital Pharmacy Prepackaging**

- A. Prepackaging is the preparation of medication in a unit-of-use container by credentialed pharmacy personnel in a pharmacy prior to the receipt of a prescription or medical order for ultimate issuance by a pharmacist in Louisiana.
- B. Labeling. The label on the prepackaged container shall contain the following minimum information:
1. drug name;
  2. dosage form;
  3. strength;
  4. quantity dispensed when appropriate;
  5. special storage requirements;
  6. a unique pharmacy prepackage lot number which shall correspond to the following:
    - a. name of manufacturer and/or distributor;
    - b. manufacturer's lot or batch number;
    - c. date of preparation; and
    - d. verifying pharmacist's initials.
  7. expiration date according to United States Pharmacopeia (USP) guidelines.

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing rule; words underscored are additions.

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

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

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### **§1513. Labeling**

- A. All drugs dispensed or compounded by a hospital pharmacy, intended for use within the facility, shall be dispensed in appropriate containers and adequately labeled as to identify patient name and location, drug name(s) and strength, and medication dose(s). Additionally, compounded preparations and sterile preparations shall be labeled with the expiration date or beyond-use date, initials of the preparer, and the pharmacist performing the final check.

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