

FINAL RULE

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

Remote Processing of Medical Orders (LAC 46:LIII.1143 and 1525)

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 amends the referenced rules.

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Louisiana Administrative Code

Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

Part LIII: Pharmacists

Chapter 11. Pharmacies

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§1143. Remote Processing of Medical Orders or Prescription Drug Orders

A. General Requirements

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- 2. ~~With respect to hospital pharmacies and institutional pharmacies,~~ A contract or agreement for remote processing services shall not relieve the on-site pharmacy from employing or contracting with a pharmacist to provide routine pharmacy services ~~within the hospital or institutional facility.~~ The activities authorized by this Section are intended to supplement ~~hospital and institutional~~ pharmacy services ~~when the pharmacy is not operating~~ and are not intended to eliminate the need for an on-site pharmacy or pharmacist.

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

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Chapter 15. Hospital Pharmacy

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§1525. Remote Processing of Medical Orders (repealed)

~~A. General Requirements~~

- ~~1. A hospital pharmacy may obtain remote processing services from a remote processor provided the pharmacies:

 - ~~a. Have the same owner or have entered into a written contract or agreement that outlines the services to be provided and the responsibilities and accountabilities of each pharmacy in compliance with federal and state laws, rules, and regulations; and~~
 - ~~b. Share a common electronic file or have appropriate technology to allow access to sufficient information necessary or required to provide the requested services.~~~~
- ~~2. A contract or agreement for remote processing services shall not relieve the hospital pharmacy from~~

~~employing or contracting with a pharmacist to provide routine pharmacy services within the facility.~~
~~The activities authorized by this Section are intended to supplement hospital pharmacy services when the pharmacy is not operating and are not intended to eliminate the need for an on-site hospital pharmacy or pharmacist.~~

~~B. Access to Patient Information~~

- ~~1. The remote pharmacist shall have secure electronic access to the hospital pharmacy's patient information system and to all other electronic systems that the hospital pharmacist has access to when the pharmacy is operating. The remote pharmacist shall receive training in the use of the hospital's electronic systems.~~
- ~~2. If a hospital pharmacy is not able to provide remote electronic access to the patient information system, both pharmacies shall have appropriate technology to allow access to the required patient information.~~

~~C. Policies and Procedures~~

- ~~1. Hospital pharmacies and remote processors engaging in the acquisition or provision of remote processing services shall maintain a policy and procedure manual for reference by all personnel; it shall also be available for inspection and copying by the board.~~
- ~~2. At a minimum, the manual shall include policies and procedures for:
 - ~~a. Identification of the responsibilities of each of the pharmacies;~~
 - ~~b. Protection of the integrity and confidentiality of patient information; and~~
 - ~~c. Maintenance of appropriate records to identify the name, initials, or unique identification code of each pharmacist performing processing functions, the specific services performed, and the date of such services.~~~~

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