

**Final Rule**

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

Electronic Product Verification (LAC 46:LIII.1217 and 1509)

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 has amended two sections of its rules – §1217 of *Chapter 12 – Automated Medication Systems* and §1509 of *Chapter 15 – Hospital Pharmacy*, to authorize pharmacies to use bar codes or other electronic product verification processes in lieu of the currently required manual product checking by pharmacists.

# Louisiana Administrative Code

## Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

### Part LIII: Pharmacists

#### Chapter 12. Automated Medication Systems

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##### §1217. Stocking and Restocking; Electronic Product Verification

- A. ...
- B. ...
- C. *Electronic Product Verification.*
  1. A bar code verification, electronic verification, or similar verification process may be utilized to assure the correct selection of drugs to be placed into an automated medication system.
  2. The use of a bar code, electronic, or similar verification process shall require an initial quality assurance validation followed by ongoing quality assurance reviews at intervals no greater than 90 days since the previous review, all conducted by a pharmacist.
  3. When a bar code verification, electronic verification, or similar verification process is utilized as specified in this Paragraph and in the absence of any human intervention in the product selection process, the stocking and restocking functions in systems located either on-site or off-site may be performed by a pharmacy technician without the necessity of direct pharmacist supervision.

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, amended LR

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#### Chapter 15. Hospital Pharmacy

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##### §1509. Drug Distribution Control

- A. ...
- B. Automated Medication Systems. A hospital pharmacy may use one or more automated medication systems in compliance with the provisions of *Chapter 12 – Automated Medication Systems* of the board's rules.
  1. When the pharmacy uses an electronic product verification process as described in §1217 of the board's rules, and in the absence of any subsequent human intervention in the automated drug product selection process, the pharmacist-in-charge may elect to forego manual checks of drug products selected in that manner, provided however, that such election by the pharmacist-in-charge shall require an initial quality assurance validation followed by an ongoing quality assurance reviews at intervals no greater than 90 days since the previous review, all conducted by a pharmacist.
  2. The pharmacist-in-charge remains accountable to the board for the accuracy of all drug distribution activities.

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