

Final Rule

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

Electronic Signature on Facsimile Prescription (LAC 46:LIII.2511)

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 §2511 of *Chapter 25 - Prescriptions, Drugs, and Devices* of its rules, to allow pharmacies to accept – for a limited period of time – a facsimile prescription bearing an electronic signature of the prescriber.

Louisiana Administrative Code

Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

Part LIII: Pharmacists

Chapter 25. Prescriptions, Drugs, and Devices

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Subchapter B. Prescriptions

§2511. Prescriptions

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- d. The provisions of this Section notwithstanding, a prescription for a medication not listed as a controlled substance which is received in a pharmacy by facsimile and which bears an electronic signature of the prescriber shall be construed as a validly-formatted prescription; however, this temporary allowance shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2016.

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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), amended LR 29:2102 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, amended LR 41:98 (January 2015), amended LR 41:2147 (October 2015).

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