

**Final Rule**

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

Remote Access to Medical Orders (LAC 46:LIII.1527)

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 *Chapter 15 – Hospital Pharmacy* of its rules by drafting a new §1527 – *Remote Access to Medical Orders*, to allow hospital pharmacies to enable their own pharmacists to remotely access the hospital’s dispensing information system from any location for the purpose of processing medical orders.

**Louisiana Administrative Code**

**Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards**

**Part LIII: Pharmacists**

**Chapter 15. Hospital Pharmacy**

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**§1503. Definitions**

A. As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section:

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*Remote Processing Services* – Repealed.

*Remote Processor* – Repealed.

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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 29:2093 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, amended LR 33:1132 (June 2007), amended LR 39:1282 (May 2013), amended LR 40:2256 (November 2014), effective January 1, 2015, amended LR 41:2147 (October 2015).

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**§1527. Remote Access to Medical Orders**

- A. Notwithstanding any provision of rules to the contrary, nothing shall prohibit a Louisiana-licensed pharmacist who is an employee of or under contract with a hospital pharmacy in Louisiana from accessing that pharmacy's dispensing information system from a location other than the pharmacy in order to process prescription drug orders or medical orders, but only when all of the following conditions are satisfied:
1. The pharmacy establishes controls to protect the privacy and security of confidential records;
  2. The pharmacist does not engage in the receiving of written prescription drug orders or medical orders or the maintenance of prescription drug orders or medical orders; and
  3. No part of the pharmacy's dispensing information system is duplicated, downloaded, or removed from the pharmacy's dispensing information system.

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