

**Final Rule**

**Department of Health  
Board of Pharmacy**

Medication Synchronization (LAC 46:LIII.2519)

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 §2519 of its rules. In particular, the new rule allows pharmacists to perform medication synchronization (also known as refill consolidation) services, within certain limits specified in the rule, for their patients.

**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**

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**§2519. Prescription Refills; Medication Synchronization and Refill Consolidation**

A. – B.2. ...

C. Medication Synchronization and Refill Consolidation. These terms refer to a service which a pharmacist may perform for his patient, at the request of the patient, wherein he may proactively adjust the medication dispensing quantity and/or the refill schedule of a prescription in order to manage the patient's medication therapy, with the goal of improved medication adherence by the patient.

1. For the performance of this service, the pharmacist may adjust the dispensing quantity and/or refill schedule originally ordered by the prescriber; however, the pharmacist shall not exceed the total quantity prescribed [dispensing quantity multiplied by the total number of fills authorized (original plus refills)], or what is otherwise allowed by law.
2. With respect to prescriptions for controlled substances where refills have been authorized, pharmacists may utilize partial fills, as described in §2747.C.5 of the board's rules, but may not exceed the dispensing quantity noted on the original prescription.

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 29:2104 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, amended LR 33:1133 (June 2007), amended LR

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