

Potpourri Notice

Department of Health and Hospitals 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 Board of Pharmacy published its Notice of Intent in the April 2016 edition of the Louisiana Register, specifying its proposal to amend §2519 of its rules to authorize pharmacists to perform a service known as medication synchronization with regard to the dispensing of refills. As indicated in the notice, the Board conducted a public hearing on May 25, 2016 to receive comments and testimony on the proposal.

The Board received one request, to add a synonym of medication synchronization – refill consolidation – to the title and body of the referenced section. The Board has no objection to the request and now seeks to revise the original proposal.

The Legislative Fiscal Office has opined the proposed revision requires no modification of the original fiscal and economic impact statement which they approved.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Malcolm J Broussard, Executive Director, Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809-1700. He is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed rule as well as these proposed revisions to the original proposal. A public hearing on this proposed revision to the original proposal is scheduled for Friday, July 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board office. At that time, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing. The deadline for the receipt of all comments is 12:00 noon that same day.

Malcolm J Broussard
Executive Director
Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

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 refers 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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