

RULE

**Department of Health
Board of Pharmacy**

**Telepharmacy Dispensing Sites
(LAC 46:LIII.2425)**

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.) and the Pharmacy Practice Act (R.S. 37:1161 et seq.), the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy has amended §2425 of its rules for telepharmacy dispensing sites. Two changes were made: the first has amended the eligibility criteria for such permits to require the nearest pharmacy to be at least 15 miles away instead of the current 20 miles, and the second requires the telepharmacy dispensing site to convert its permit to a regular community pharmacy permit in the event the dispensing activity averages more than 100 prescriptions per day. This provision replaces the current provision that requires the telepharmacy dispensing site to close permanently when another pharmacy opens within a 20-mile radius of the telepharmacy or to convert the telepharmacy permit to a regular community pharmacy permit whenever another regular pharmacy opens within the restricted radius. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46

**PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL
STANDARDS**

Part LIII. Pharmacists

Chapter 24. Limited Service Providers

Subchapter C. Telepharmacy Services

§2425. Telepharmacy Dispensing Site

A. General Requirements

1. At the time of its opening, there shall be no other pharmacies licensed by the board within 15 miles (driving distance) of the location of the telepharmacy dispensing site. This mileage restriction shall not apply if a demonstration of need is presented to the board and a waiver to the mileage restriction is deemed appropriate.

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B. Licensing Procedure

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6. In the event a telepharmacy dispensing site is dispensing more than 100 prescriptions per day based on a six-month average, the telepharmacy dispensing site shall convert its permit to a community pharmacy permit prior to

the expiration date of the telepharmacy dispensing site permit.

C. - E.4.d. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 41:2149 (October 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:586 (April 2020).

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