

**RULE**  
**Department of Health**  
**Board of Pharmacy**

Dispensing of Prescription Refills (LAC 46:LIII.2519)

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 §2519 of its rules for the dispensing of prescription refills. The amendments of §2519 make two changes. The first creates a new Subsection B to prohibit the dispensing of prescription refills not authorized or approved by the patient or caregiver, with such prohibition not applicable to prescriptions dispensed to patients residing in a long-term care facility. The second makes a technical change in Subsection D. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

**Title 46**

**PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL  
STANDARDS**

**Part LIII. Pharmacists**

**Chapter 25. Prescriptions, Drugs, and Devices**

**Subchapter B. Prescriptions**

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

A. ...

B. Refill Requests. Prescription refills authorized by the prescriber shall not be dispensed in the absence of a patient or caregiver's request or approval. This prohibition shall not apply to refills authorized by the prescriber which are to be dispensed to a patient residing in a long term care facility.

C. Controlled Dangerous Substances

1. The refilling of a prescription for a drug listed in Schedule II is prohibited.

2. A prescription for a drug listed in Schedule III, IV, or V may be refilled up to five times, if so indicated at the time issued.

D. 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 the 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 this Part, 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 42:1519 (September 2016), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:575 (April 2020).

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