

Louisiana Administrative Code

Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

Part LIII: Pharmacists

Chapter 12. Automated Medication Systems

§1217. Stocking and Restocking; Electronic Product Verification

- A. *On-Site Facility System(s)*. The stocking and restocking of all medications in the on-site system shall be accomplished by Louisiana licensed pharmacists and/or Louisiana certified pharmacy technicians under the supervision of Louisiana licensed pharmacists. A pharmacist must conduct final checks of work performed by a pharmacy technician. The pharmacy shall have a mechanism in place to identify the certified pharmacy technician stocking or restocking and the pharmacist checking the accuracy of the medications to be stocked or restocked in the automated medication systems.
- B. *Off-Site Facility System(s)*. The stocking and restocking of all medications in the off-site system shall be accomplished by Louisiana licensed pharmacists; however, the certified pharmacy technician may stock or restock an off-site facility system provided a pharmacist is physically present at the off-site facility and supervises and verifies the stocking and/or restocking prior to use. The pharmacy shall have a mechanism in place to identify the certified pharmacy technician stocking or restocking and the pharmacist checking the accuracy of the medications to be stocked or restocked in the system.
- C. *Electronic Product Verification*. A bar code verification, electronic verification, or similar verification process may be utilized to assure the correct selection of drugs to be placed into an automated medication system. The use of a bar code, electronic, or similar verification process shall require an initial quality assurance validation followed by ongoing quality assurance reviews at intervals no greater than 90 days since the previous review, all conducted by a pharmacist. When a bar code verification, electronic verification, or similar verification process is utilized as specified in this Paragraph, the stocking and restocking functions in systems located either on-site or off-site may be performed by a pharmacy technician without the necessity of direct pharmacist supervision, or in the alternative, by a licensed health care practitioner trained and authorized by the pharmacist-in-charge.

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Chapter 15. Hospital Pharmacy

§1509. Drug Distribution Control

- A. The hospital pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for the safe and efficient procurement, receipt, distribution, control, accountability, and patient administration and management of drugs. The staff of the hospital facility shall cooperate with the pharmacist-in-charge in meeting drug control requirements in ordering, administering, and accounting for pharmaceuticals.
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- B. Automated Medication Systems. A hospital pharmacy may use one or more automated medication systems in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 12 – Automated Medication Systems of the board’s rules.
 - 1. When the pharmacy uses an electronic product verification process as described in §1217 of the board’s rules, and in the absence of any subsequent human intervention in the automated drug product selection process, the pharmacist-in-charge may elect to forego manual checks of drug products selected in that manner, provided however, that such election by the pharmacist-in-charge shall require an initial quality assurance validation followed by an ongoing quality assurance reviews at intervals no greater than 90 days since the previous review, all conducted by a pharmacist. The pharmacist-in-charge remains accountable to the board for the accuracy of all drug distribution activities.

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