

**Louisiana Administrative Code**

**Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards**

**Part LIII: Pharmacists**

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

**Subchapter B. Prescriptions**

**§2519. Prescription Refills; Medication Synchronization**

- A. Refill Authorization. Prescription refills may be dispensed only with the prescriber’s authorization, as indicated on the original prescription order. In the absence of the authorized practitioner’s instructions on the original prescription, the prescription shall be considered non-refillable. When all refills authorized on the original prescription have been dispensed, then authorization from the prescribing practitioner shall be obtained prior to dispensing; when such authorization has been received, a new prescription shall be prepared and it shall be issued a different prescription number.
- B. 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.
- C. Medication Synchronization. This term 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.
  - 3. The pharmacist, or his designee, shall notify the prescriber of the medication synchronization no later than five days after the date of dispensing.

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