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MEMORANDUM

To: Licensees & Interested Parties

From: Malcolm J Broussard, Executive Director

Date: March 22, 2020

Re: COVID-19 Guidance ~ Pharmacy-to-Pharmacy Transfers of Drugs During
COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

The transfer of drugs from one pharmacy to another is considered distribution as opposed to dispensing. The distribution of prescription drugs and devices in Louisiana is under the authority of the Louisiana Board of Drug and Device Distributors (LBDDD).

As pharmacies attempt to manage their inventories of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine during this shortage period in the COVID-19 pandemic, some pharmacies have declined to make pharmacy-to-pharmacy transfers of those products, citing the LBDDD rules.

As confirmed in the attached letter from the LBDDD received today, there is an exemption in that board's rules for such transfers during public health emergencies.

Therefore, to the extent your pharmacy is able to participate in such transfers, there is no restriction from the LBDDD during the public health emergency.

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Mr. Malcolm Broussard:

Pursuant to Executive Proclamation No. 32 JBE 2020, a public health emergency is in effect in the state of Louisiana relating to COVID-19.

The purpose of this letter is to advise that pursuant to LAC 46:XXXIV.105 B (3), a wholesale drug and device distributor license is not required for the distribution of legend drugs or devices for emergency medical reasons.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me on my cell phone, 225 678 0218.

Regards,

Louisiana Board of Drug and Device Distributors

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