

Title: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:
Remote Practice for Pharmacists

Policy No. I.D.3

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1. *§1527 – Remote Access to Medical Orders* authorized a hospital pharmacy to allow its own pharmacists to access the pharmacy’s dispensing information system from a location outside the pharmacy, subject to three restrictions relative to security and confidentiality of the records within the system.
 2. The Board had previously initiated the promulgation process to transfer the contents of that rule from *Chapter 15 – Hospital Pharmacy* to *Chapter 11 – Pharmacies* to allow all pharmacies to benefit from that rule.
 3. The Board President authorized the expansion of the permission for remote access to medical orders to allow all pharmacies to authorize its pharmacists to access the pharmacy’s dispensing information system from a location outside the pharmacy, subject to the three restrictions cited in the rule.
 4. The promulgation process was subsequently completed on April 20, 2020 with the creation of new *§1145 – Remote Access to Prescription Drug Orders, Medical Orders, and Chart Orders* and the repeal of *§1527 – Remote Access to Medical Orders*.
 5. During their November 18, 2020 meeting, the members took note of the promulgation of the Final Rule on April 20, 2020 and then terminated this interim policy as no longer necessary.