

*Title:* Storage of Regulated Materials in Regulated Environment External to Prescription Department in Pharmacies

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Petitioner requested permission to store prescription drugs in a storage location external to the permitted prescription department. In particular, the petitioner was a hospital pharmacy with access to a warehouse facility in a building located on the same campus as the hospital pharmacy. Moreover, the warehouse facility would be credentialed as a 'drug warehouse' by the Food & Drug Unit of the Office of Public Health in the La. Dept. of Health and Hospitals. The nature of the oversight by that state agency consists of periodic inspections for compliance with the state's Sanitation Code.

Following a brief discussion, the Board adopted the following motion after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

**Resolved**, that the Board allow a permitted pharmacy to store prescription drug products under its control in a drug storage area separate and apart from the permitted prescription department, but only under the following provisions:

- The drug storage area shall be subject to the authority of a currently active Drug Warehouse permit issued by the Food & Drug Unit of the Office of Public Health in the Dept. of Health & Hospitals.
- The pharmacist-in-charge of the permitted prescription department shall advise the Board of the existence of the drug storage area and shall allow the Board's agent to inspect that area.
- The pharmacist-in-charge of the permitted prescription department shall be responsible for the establishment of appropriate security measures for the drug storage area and limit access to personnel holding a credential from the Board of Pharmacy.
- A pharmacy shall not store controlled substances or drugs of concern in the drug storage area.
- A pharmacy shall not engage in packaging activities within a drug storage area.