

**Louisiana Board of Pharmacy**

**Policies & Procedures**

*Title:* Cognitive Services from Consultant Pharmacists  
Affiliated with Permitted Pharmacies

Policy No. I.A.16

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Revised:

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Petitioner was a non-resident pharmacy located in a state where the pharmacy laws and rules permit a pharmacist affiliated with a permitted pharmacy to practice from an office or home environment separate and apart from the permitted pharmacy's prescription department.

Petitioner took note of the Board's recently promulgated rule relative to the provision of cognitive services (LAC 46:LIII.525). In particular, the rule requires a pharmacist providing cognitive services to Louisiana residents from outside a permitted pharmacy to first obtain a Louisiana pharmacist license. By comparison, the requirements for a non-resident pharmacy require only the pharmacist-in-charge of the permit to possess a Louisiana pharmacist license.

Petitioner described his pharmacy's operations as a non-resident pharmacy that employs consultant pharmacists affiliated with the non-resident pharmacy where such consultant pharmacists provide cognitive services to patients from a variety of locations outside the permitted prescription department, in compliance with the pharmacy rules of those states where the non-resident pharmacy is located. Petitioner requested guidance from the Board as to whether such consultant pharmacists affiliated with the non-resident pharmacy that provide cognitive services to Louisiana residents must have a Louisiana pharmacist license.

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

**Resolved**, that the Board interpret LAC 46:LIII.525.B such that any pharmacist located outside the physical space of a permitted prescription department who performs cognitive services for a Louisiana resident shall possess an active Louisiana pharmacist license prior to performing such services.