

Title: Recording Patient Address on Prescriptions
for Controlled Substances

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Revised:



1. The requirement for the recording of the patient’s address on a written prescription for a controlled substance is found at LAC 46:LIII.2745.C.2.a.
2. The authority for a pharmacist to add or change certain data elements on prescriptions for medications listed in Schedule II is found at LAC 46:LIII.2747.B.4.b.
3. In response to a request received via email from a representative from Fred’s Pharmacies, Inc., relative to the use of a ‘back-tag’ adhesive label affixed to the back of the written prescription form in lieu of recording the patient’s address on the prescription form, the Board adopted the following opinion following a unanimous vote in the affirmative of the members present and voting:

The Board interprets its rules, specifically §2745.C.2 and §2747.B.4.b, such that the prescriber has the primary responsibility for ensuring the accurate preparation of a prescription for a controlled substance, including recording the patient’s address. In the event a patient presents a written prescription form for a controlled substance to a pharmacist for dispensing, and it is apparent that the patient’s address is not recorded on the form, then the pharmacist has a corresponding responsibility to ensure the prescription form has been prepared correctly. §2747.B.4.b describes the data elements the pharmacist may add to a Schedule II written prescription form, including the patient’s address, following a consultation with the prescriber and the appropriate documentation thereof. It is permissible for a pharmacist to attach transaction labels to prescription forms; however, those attachments are not the forms. Written prescription forms for controlled substances which do not contain the patient’s address when presented to the pharmacy shall be completed by the pharmacist or his designee in compliance with the provisions of §2747.B.4.b. The attachment of ‘back-tags’ in lieu thereof is not compliant with the Board’s rules.