

Title: Transfer of Prescription Information
Between Pharmacies

Policy No. I.A.22

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1. The Louisiana Pharmacy Practice Act, more specifically at La. R.S. 37:1224.E, authorizes the transfer of prescription information between pharmacies, to wit:
“A prescription may be filled, compounded, and dispensed at the permitted pharmacy which first received the prescription or at any other permitted pharmacy to which the prescription is properly transferred from the originating pharmacy. A prescription may be properly transferred through the transfer of prescription information from one pharmacy to another manually or through an electronic transfer using an electronic file updated on a real-time on-line basis and shared by two or more pharmacies. Electronic transfers of prescriptions shall be permitted regardless of whether or not the pharmacy from which the prescription is transferred is open for business.”
 2. The Board’s rules, more specifically *LAC 46:LIII.2523 – Transfer of Prescription Information*, describes the requirements relative to the transfer of original prescription information between pharmacies for the purpose of refill dispensing, describing procedures for prescriptions for controlled substances as well as prescriptions for non-controlled substances. There are no other rules relative to the transfer of prescriptions which have not yet been dispensed.
 3. In response to multiple inquiries from pharmacists across the state, the Board adopted the following opinion pursuant to a unanimous vote in the affirmative of the members present and voting during their May 2017 and August 2017 meetings.

The Board interprets its laws and rules such that pharmacies may transfer original prescription information for prescriptions that have not yet been dispensed, subject to the following provisions:

- *Prescriptions for medications not listed as a controlled substance may be transferred by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician; and further, the person transferring the prescription shall annotate the prescription as to the:*
 1. *date of its transfer;*
 2. *name and address of the receiving pharmacy; and*
 3. *name of the person receiving the prescription.*
- *Electronic prescriptions which comply with the requirements in 21 CFR 1311 – but not written, faxed, or verbal prescriptions – for medications listed as a controlled substance may be transferred by a pharmacist; and further, the pharmacist transferring the prescription shall annotate the prescription as to the:*
 1. *date of its transfer;*
 2. *name, address, and DEA registration number of the receiving pharmacy; and*
 3. *name of the pharmacist receiving the transfer information.*