



Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

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Senator Joel T. Chaisson, President
Louisiana Senate
P. O. Box 94183
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Re: Report No. 2 of 3 for Regulatory Project 2009-1 ~ Drugs of Concern
Report No. 2 of 3 for Regulatory Project 2009-2 ~ Pharmacy Interns
Report No. 2 of 3 for Regulatory Project 2009-3 ~ Prescription Transfers
Report No. 2 of 3 for Regulatory Project 2009-4 ~ Digital Imaging of Prescriptions

Dear Senator Chaisson:

As we indicated in our first report to you on December 10, 2009, the Board is currently promulgating amendments to four different sections of its rules as described above. Subsequent to our Notices of Intent published in the December 20, 2009 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, we conducted a public hearing at the Board office on January 27, 2010. The Board received no written comments or verbal testimony on any of the four proposals. The Board considered the absence of comments during their February 3, 2010 meeting and determined that no revisions were necessary. Further, the Board has determined it appropriate to move forward with the proposed amendments as published.

For each of the four projects identified above, you should find the following documents appended to this letter:

- Notice of Intent
- Full Text of Proposed Rule

Subject to review by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Welfare, the Board proposes to publish the original proposed rules as Final Rules in the April 20, 2010 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. If you have any questions about the enclosed information or our procedures, please contact me directly at 225.925.6496 or mbroussard@labp.com.

For the Board:

Malcolm J. Broussard
Executive Director

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health and Hospitals Board of Pharmacy

LAC 46:LIII.709

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (La. R.S. 49:950 *et seq.*) and the Louisiana Pharmacy Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:1161 *et seq.*), the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy hereby gives notice of its intent to add a new §709 – *Scope of Practice* to Chapter 7 – Pharmacy Interns of its rules. In particular, the proposed rule will identify the scope of practice for pharmacy interns as well as establish a maximum supervisory ratio of pharmacists to pharmacy interns.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Malcolm J Broussard, Executive Director, Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 5615 Corporate Blvd., 8th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70808-2537. He is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed rule. A public hearing on these proposed rules is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board office. At that time, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing. The deadline for the receipt of all comments is 12:00 noon that same day.

Malcolm J Broussard
Executive Director
Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

Louisiana Administrative Code

Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

Part LIII: Pharmacists

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Chapter 7. Pharmacy Interns

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§709. Scope of Practice

- A. Pharmacy interns may perform any duty of a pharmacist provided he is under the supervision of a pharmacist.
- B. The ratio of pharmacy interns to pharmacists shall be 1:1. However, the ratio of pharmacy interns on rotation with a board-approved college of pharmacy to pharmacists shall be no more than 3:1.
- C. A pharmacy intern may not:
 - a. present or identify himself as a pharmacist;
 - b. sign or initial any document which is required to be signed or initialed by a pharmacist unless a preceptor cosigns the document;
 - c. independently supervise pharmacy technicians; or
 - d. administer immunizations unless properly credentialed as required by the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR