

## Title 46

## PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

## Part LIII. Pharmacists

## Chapter 25. Prescriptions, Drugs, and Devices

## Subchapter A. General Requirements

## §2501. Prescription Drugs and Devices

A. Prescription Drugs or Devices. A prescription drug or device is a medication or mechanism that may only be dispensed by a pharmacist on the order of a licensed practitioner and shall bear the "Rx Only" notation or any other designation of similar import required by law on the label of a commercial container.

1. Dispensing. Prescription drugs or devices shall be dispensed only by a Louisiana-licensed pharmacist.

2. Possession. Prescription drugs or devices shall be procured and possessed in the course of the practice of pharmacy by a permitted pharmacy.

3. Storage

a. Prescription drugs or devices shall be stored in a permitted pharmacy under the immediate control and responsibility of a pharmacist.

b. All areas where drugs are stored shall be maintained under environmental conditions which will ensure the integrity of the drug, as specified by the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) and/or manufacturer's or distributor's product information or labeling.

**4. Delivery**

a. In order to complete the dispensing process, prepared prescriptions of drugs may be delivered or shipped by the pharmacy to the patient as long as appropriate measures are taken to ensure the integrity of the drug which includes, but is not limited to, the drug's safety, identity, strength, quality, and purity.

b. Prepared prescriptions of drugs that leave the physical possession and environmental control of the pharmacy for delivery or shipment to the patient cannot be returned to the pharmacy for reuse.

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