

**Louisiana Administrative Code****Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards****Part LIII: Pharmacists****Chapter 11. Pharmacies****Subchapter D. Off-Site Services****§1139. Definitions**

A. As used in this Subchapter, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

*Centralized Prescription Dispensing* – the fulfillment by one permitted pharmacy of a request from another permitted pharmacy to fill or refill a prescription drug order.

*On-Site Pharmacy* – a permitted pharmacy which utilizes centralized prescription dispensing services from a remote dispenser or remote processing services from a remote processor.

*Remote Dispenser* – a Louisiana permitted pharmacy which provides centralized prescription dispensing services for another permitted pharmacy in Louisiana.

*Remote Processing Services* – the processing of a medical order or prescription drug order by one permitted pharmacy on behalf of another permitted pharmacy, including:

- a. receipt, interpretation, or clarification of an order;
- b. data entry and information transfer;
- c. interpretation of clinical data;
- d. performance of drug utilization review; and
- e. provision of drug information concerning a patient's drug therapy; provided, however, that remote processing does not include the physical preparation or physical transfer of drugs.

*Remote Processor* – a Louisiana permitted pharmacy which provides remote processing services for another permitted pharmacy in Louisiana.

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**§1141. Centralized Prescription Dispensing****A. General Requirements**

1. An on-site pharmacy may obtain centralized prescription dispensing services from a remote dispenser provided the pharmacies:
  - a. have the same owner or have entered into a written contract or agreement that outlines the services to be provided and the responsibilities and accountabilities of each pharmacy in compliance with federal

- 41 and state laws, rules, and regulations; and
- 42 b. share a common electronic file or have appropriate technology to allow access to sufficient
- 43 information necessary or required to provide the requested services.
- 44 2. All drugs dispensed to a patient that have been dispensed by a remote dispenser shall bear a label
- 45 containing an identifiable code that provides a complete audit trail of the dispensing of the drug and
- 46 pharmacy primary care activities.
- 47 B. Policies and Procedures
- 48 1. On-site pharmacies and remote dispensers engaging in the acquisition or provision of centralized
- 49 dispensing services shall maintain a policy and procedure manual for reference by all personnel; it shall be
- 50 made available for inspection and copying by the board.
- 51 2. At a minimum, the manual shall include policies for:
- 52 a. a description of how the parties will comply with federal and state laws and regulations;
- 53 b. the maintenance of appropriate records to identify the responsible pharmacist(s) in the dispensing and
- 54 counseling process;
- 55 c. the maintenance of a mechanism for tracking the prescription drug order during each step in the
- 56 dispensing process;
- 57 d. the maintenance of a mechanism to identify on the prescription label all pharmacies involved in the
- 58 dispensing of the prescription drug order; and
- 59 e. the provision of adequate security to protect the confidentiality and integrity of patient information and
- 60 to prevent its illegal use or disclosure.

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