

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LIII: Pharmacists

Chapter 11. Pharmacies

Subchapter A. General Requirements

§1111. Pharmacy Operation

A. A pharmacist shall be on duty at all times during regular open hours of the pharmacy. The owner of the pharmacy shall employ an appropriate number of professional, technical and clerical personnel commensurate with the nature and scope of the pharmacy practice. The owner of the pharmacy shall ensure there are a sufficient number of licensed personnel on site when the pharmacy is open to competently and safely perform patient care services and dispense prescriptions accurately.

B. Minimum Hours of Operation; Business Hours Posted

1. A pharmacy shall be open for business a minimum of 10 hours per week. A pharmacist shall be on duty at all times when the pharmacy is open for business, subject to the provision for the temporary absence of a pharmacist in Section 1109 of this Part.

2. with said business hours posted at the building entrance in full public view from outside the premises. The pharmacy shall post its hours of operation at the building entrance in full public view from outside the premises. Pharmacies holding permits classified as correctional, hospital, institutional, or nuclear shall be exempt from this posting requirement.

C. No person credentialed by the board may shall be required to engage in the practice of pharmacy for a period of time longer than six hours without a rest break.

D. The owner of the pharmacy shall develop plans, policies and procedures to ensure business continuity in the event of natural or other disasters or emergencies. Such plans, policies and procedures shall include provisions for continuity of patient care in the event the pharmacy is unable to open for business. The pharmacy shall provide access to such plans, policies and procedures when requested by the board.

E. Dispensing and delivery of prescriptions.

1. Prescriptions prepared for delivery to the patient may be placed in a secured area, adjoining the secured prescription department, where access to the prescriptions is restricted to individuals designated by the pharmacist-in-charge. Prescriptions may be transferred to the patient when the pharmacist is not on duty with the approval of the pharmacist-in-charge. The pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for the implementation of policies and procedures to address the secured area which shall include but is not limited to access, delivery to the patient, storage, patient confidentiality, record keeping, and counseling.

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