

Title 46**PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS****Part LIII: Pharmacists****Chapter 11. Pharmacies****Subchapter A. General Requirements****§1111. Pharmacist Absence**

A. A pharmacist is considered absent from the prescription department when he is not in the prescription department and is off-site.

B. When a pharmacist is absent from the prescription department, the prescription department must be securely closed and made inaccessible. A sign shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in front of the prescription department giving notice of closure. The sign shall be at least 8½ x 11 inches with the following wording in black letters at least one inch high: PRESCRIPTION DEPARTMENT CLOSED.

C. During a state of emergency pursuant to the Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act of 1993, R.S. 29:721 et seq., a state of public health emergency pursuant to the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act, R.S. 29:760 et seq., or other situations approved by the Board, 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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