

RULE
Department of Health
Board of Pharmacy

Prescription Transfers (LAC 46:LIII.2523 and 2747)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.) and the Pharmacy Practice Act (R.S. 37:1161 et seq.), the Board of Pharmacy amended §2523 and §2747 of its rules relative to prescription transfers. The Rule changes in §2523 and §2747 simplify the requirements of transferring prescriptions for controlled substances by allowing the transfer if in conformance with federal requirements in 21 CFR Part 1306. The Rule changes in §2523 relative to transferring prescriptions for drugs other than controlled substances allow the transfer for initial filling or refill dispensing; list the actions required of the transferring pharmacist, intern, or technician; list the information required to be recorded by the receiving pharmacist, intern, or technician; change the prescription maintenance requirements to reference the requirements in Chapter 11, and repeals §2523.B. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46

**PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL
STANDARDS**

Part LIII. Pharmacists

Chapter 25. Prescriptions, Drugs, and Devices

Subchapter B. Prescriptions

**§2523. Transfer of Prescription or Prescription
Information**

A. Prescription Transfer Requirements

1. Prescriptions for Controlled Dangerous Substances

a. The transfer between pharmacies of a prescription or prescription information for controlled substances is permissible in conformance with 21 CFR Part 1306.

2. Prescriptions for Drugs Other Than Controlled Dangerous Substances

a. The transfer of a prescription or prescription information for the purpose of initial filling or refill dispensing is permissible between pharmacies, subject to the following requirements.

i. Prescriptions may be transferred for the life of the prescription.

ii. The transferring pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician shall do the following:

(a). Invalidate the prescription.

(b). Record on the invalidated prescription record the name and address of the pharmacy to which it was transferred and the name of the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician receiving the prescription information.

(c). Record the date of the transfer and the name of the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician transferring the information.

iii. The receiving pharmacist, pharmacy intern or certified pharmacy technician shall record the following:

(a). Indication of the transferred nature of the prescription.

(b). Provide all information required for a prescription and include:

(i). Date of issuance of original prescription.

(ii). Date of last dispensing, if applicable.

(iii). Original number of refills authorized on original prescription.

(iv). Number of refills remaining, if applicable.

(v). Pharmacy's name, address, and prescription number from which the prescription information was transferred.

(vi). Name of pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician who transferred the prescription.

b. The original and transferred prescription(s) shall be maintained in compliance with Chapter 11 of this Part.

c. Pharmacies electronically accessing the same prescription record shall satisfy all information requirements of a manual mode for prescription transferal.

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Chapter 27. Controlled Dangerous Substances

**Subchapter F. Production, Distribution, and Utilization
§2747. Dispensing Requirements**

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7. The transfer between pharmacies of a prescription or prescription information for controlled substances is permissible in conformance with 21 CFR Part 1306.

C.8. - F. ...

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