

registered nurses with prescriptive authority, and medical psychologists. The rule change in §2705.C.4. allows an “authorized clinician” as identified in R.S. 40:1046.B. to apply for and be issued a CDS license to authorize the prescription or recommendation of medical marijuana. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46

**PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL
STANDARDS**

Part LIII. Pharmacists

Chapter 27. Controlled Dangerous Substances

Subchapter B. Licenses

§2705. Licenses and Exemptions

A. - C.3. ...

4. An “*authorized clinician*”, as identified in R.S. 40:1046.B., may apply for and be issued a CDS license to authorize the prescription or recommendation of the following controlled substances classified in Schedule I: marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinols, and synthetic derivatives of tetrahydrocannabinols; provided however that such prescriptions or recommendations shall only be authorized for therapeutic use in compliance with R.S. 40:1046.

D. - J. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2129 (October 2008), amended LR 39:312 (February 2013), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:570 (April 2020), LR 47:1640 (November 2021), LR 48:494 (March 2022), amended LR 51:1589 (October 2025).

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RULE

**Department of Health
Board of Pharmacy**

Practitioner CDS License (LAC 46:LIII.2705)

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 §2705 of its rules relative to a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) license for practitioners. The rule change is pursuant to Act 444 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature which expanded the authority to issue recommendations for medical marijuana to “authorized clinicians,” defined to include physicians, advanced practice