

## **RULE**

### **Department of Health Board of Pharmacy**

#### Centralized Prescription Dispensing (LAC 46:LIII.1141)

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 Section 1141 of its rules relative to Centralized Prescription Dispensing. The Rule changes clarify the existing requirements related to prescription labeling and the maintenance of audit trail information. They further establish standards for the delivery of prepared prescriptions between a remote dispenser and an on-site pharmacy. Specifically, the changes require that delivery be conducted in a manner that ensures the integrity of the medication by adhering to nationally recognized standards, and address packaging and temperature control. The Rule changes also address possession and control of prescription drugs during delivery, whether by a common carrier, contract carrier, or pharmacy employee, and prohibit the dispensing of any prescription drug compromised in transit. When prescriptions are not dispensed to patients, the Rule changes require that they be returned to the remote dispenser pharmacy in situations where the remote dispenser and the on-site pharmacy operate under different ownership. Finally, the Rule changes specify that the

centralized prescription dispensing of controlled substances must comply with all applicable provisions of federal regulations set forth in 21 CFR Parts 1300 through 1399. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

**Title 46**

**PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL  
STANDARDS**

**Part LIII. Pharmacists**

**Chapter 11. Pharmacies**

**Subchapter D. Off-Site Services**

**§1141. Centralized Prescription Dispensing**

A. - A.1.b. ...

2. Labeling. The remote dispenser shall label the container in compliance with Section 2527 of this Part, using the on-site pharmacy's information. The label shall also include the remote dispenser's name indicating that the prescription was filled at the remote dispenser.

3. Audit Trail Information. The remote dispenser and on-site pharmacy shall maintain a complete audit trail identifying pharmacy personnel involved in the dispensing process.

4. Delivery Between Remote Dispenser and On-Site Pharmacy. Delivery of prepared prescriptions between the remote dispenser and the on-site pharmacy is permissible using a common carrier, contract carrier, or pharmacy employee. Proper safeguards shall be in place to ensure the integrity of the medication—preserving its safety, identity, strength, quality, and purity throughout the delivery process.

a. Standards. The pharmacy shall ensure that all prescription drugs are delivered in compliance with nationally recognized standards, including those established by the manufacturer or the United States Pharmacopeia (USP).

b. Packaging. Prescription drugs delivered by a common or contract carrier shall be enclosed in tamper-evident packaging.

c. Temperature Control. Throughout the delivery process, prescription drugs shall be maintained within the temperature range specified by the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) or as recommended by the manufacturer, with allowances for permitted excursions.

d. Possession and Control. When a pharmacy relinquishes physical possession and control of a prescription drug during delivery, the drug shall not be returned to the pharmacy for reuse.

i. Common or Contract Carrier. If there is no formal agreement in place with a common or contract carrier that ensures delivery integrity standards and grants the pharmacy control during transit, prescription drugs shall not be returned to the pharmacy for reuse.

ii. Pharmacy Employee. When a pharmacy employee delivers a prescription drug, the pharmacy retains physical possession and control of the medication throughout the delivery process.

e. Compromised Product. If it is determined a prescription drug is in any way compromised during delivery, it shall not be dispensed.

5. The on-site pharmacy shall return to the remote dispenser prepared prescriptions not dispensed to the patient, if the pharmacies do not have the same owner.

6. Centralized prescription dispensing of controlled substances shall comply with all applicable provisions of 21 CFR Parts 1300 - 1399.

B. - B.2.e. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

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