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PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LIII: Pharmacists

Chapter 11. Pharmacies

Subchapter D. Off-Site Services

§1141. Centralized Prescription Dispensing

A. General Requirements

1. An on-site pharmacy may obtain centralized prescription dispensing services from a remote dispenser provided the pharmacies:

a. have the same owner or have entered into a written contract or agreement that outlines the services to be provided and the responsibilities and accountabilities of each pharmacy in compliance with federal and state laws, rules, and regulations; and

b. share a common electronic file or have appropriate technology to allow access to sufficient information necessary or required to provide the requested services.

2. All drugs dispensed to a patient that have been dispensed by a remote dispenser shall bear a label containing an identifiable code that provides a complete audit trail of the dispensing of the drug and pharmacy primary care activities.

B. Policies and Procedures

1. On-site pharmacies and remote dispensers engaging in the acquisition or provision of centralized dispensing services shall maintain a policy and procedure manual for reference by all personnel; it shall be made available for inspection and copying by the board.

2. At a minimum, the manual shall include policies for:

a. a description of how the parties will comply with federal and state laws and regulations;

b. the maintenance of appropriate records to identify the responsible pharmacist(s) in the dispensing and counseling processes;

c. the maintenance of a mechanism for tracking the prescription drug order during each step in the dispensing process;

d. the maintenance of a mechanism to identify on the prescription label all pharmacies involved in the dispensing the prescription drug order; and

e. the provision of adequate security to protect the confidentiality and integrity of patient information and to prevent its illegal use or disclosure.

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