**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**Department of Health**

**Board of Pharmacy**

Off-Site Services (LAC 46:LIII.1139)

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 hereby gives notice of its intent to amend §1139 of its rules relative to Off-Site Services. The proposed Rule change amends the definition of "Remote Processing Services" to add final product verification to the list of activities included and to clarify the definition by adding the phrase "using technology."

**Title 46**

**PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS**

**Part LIII. Pharmacists**

**Chapter 11. Pharmacies**

**Subchapter D. Off-Site Services**

**§1139. Definitions**

A. As used in this Subchapter, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

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*Remote Processing Services*—the processing of a medical order or prescription drug order by one permitted pharmacy using technology on behalf of another permitted pharmacy, including:

a. – c. …

d. performance of drug utilization review;

e. provision of drug information concerning a patient's drug therapy; and

f. final product verification;

provided, however, that remote processing does not include the physical preparation or physical transfer of drugs.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 33:1131 (June 2007), amended LR 39:313 (February 2013), amended LR

**Family Impact Statement**

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a family impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. The following statements will be published in the *Louisiana Register* with the proposed agency Rule.

1. The Effect on the Stability of the Family. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the stability of the family.

2. The Effect on the Authority and Rights of Parents Regarding the Education and Supervision of their Children. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.

3. The Effect on the Functioning of the Family. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the functioning of the family.

4. The Effect on Family Earnings and Family Budget. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on family earnings and family budget.

5. The Effect on the Behavior and Personal Responsibility of Children. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the behavior and personal responsibility of children.

6. The Ability of the Family or a Local Government to Perform the Function as Contained in the Proposed Rule. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the ability of the family or a local government to perform the activity as contained in the proposed Rule.

**Poverty Impact Statement**

In accordance with Section 973 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a poverty impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment.

1. The Effect on Household Income, Assets, and Financial Security. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on household income, assets, or financial security.

2. The Effect on Early Childhood Development and Preschool through Postsecondary Education Development. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on early childhood development or preschool through postsecondary education development.

3. The Effect on Employment and Workforce Development. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on employment and workforce development.

4. The Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on taxes or tax credits.

5. The Effect on Child and Dependent Care, Housing, Health Care, Nutrition, Transportation, and Utilities Assistance. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, or utilities assistance.

**Small Business Analysis**

In accordance with Section 965 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a regulatory flexibility analysis on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. This will certify the agency has considered, without limitation, each of the following methods of reducing the impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses:

1. The Establishment of Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on reporting requirements for small business.

2. The Establishment of Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

3. The Consolidation or Simplification of Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

4. The Establishment of Performance Standards for Small Businesses to Replace Design or Operational Standards Required in the Proposed Rule. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards for small businesses.

5. The Exemption of Small Businesses from All or Any Part of the Requirements Contained in the Proposed Rule. There are no exemptions for small businesses in the proposed Rule change.

**Provider Impact Statement**

In accordance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 170 of the Regular Session of the 2014 Legislature, there is hereby submitted a provider impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. This will certify the agency has considered, without limitation, the following effects on the providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities:

1. The effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the staffing level requirements required to provide the same level of service.

2. The Total Direct and Indirect Effect on the Cost to the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed Rule change will have no impact on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service.

3. The Overall Effect on the Ability of the Provider to Provide the Same Level of service. The proposed Rule change will have no impact on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

**Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit written comments, via United States Postal Service or other carrier, or in the alternative by personal delivery to M. Joseph Fontenot Jr., Executive Director, at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive,

Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1700. He is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding the proposed Rule change. The deadline for the receipt of all written comments is 12 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2026.

**Public Hearing**

A public hearing to solicit comments and testimony on the proposed Rule change is scheduled for Friday, June 26, 2026 at 9 a.m. at the Board office. During the hearing, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit comments and testimony, either verbally or in writing. The deadline for the receipt of all comments and testimony is 12 p.m. that same day. To request reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call the board office at 225.925.6496.

M. Joseph Fontenot Jr.

Executive Director

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

**RULE TITLE: Off-Site Services**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed Rule change. The cost to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy is approximately $500 in FY 26 and $500 in FY 27 in SGR expenditures for the notice and Rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

The proposed Rule change amends the definition of "Remote Processing Services" to add final product verification to the list of activities included and to clarify the definition by adding the phrase "using technology."

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed Rule change is not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed Rule change is anticipated to benefit pharmacies and pharmacists by authorizing the necessary technology for the remote processing of prescription drug orders. By including final product verification in the list of pharmacy practice activities, one permitted pharmacy can use technology to assist another permitted pharmacy, allowing pharmacies to share the workload which improves the work environment. The proposed Rule change should benefit the public by decreasing the amount of time it takes to process a prescription and providing on-site pharmacists with more time to counsel patients about their medication.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed Rule change is not anticipated to impact competition and employment.