

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. ~~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.~~

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. ...

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