

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
101 E. Capitol, Suite 218
Little Rock, AR 72201

The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy met for a teleconference meeting on October 31, 2007. The meeting was held at the Board office at 101 E. Capitol, Ste. 218, Little Rock, AR 72201 by conference call

Wednesday October 31, 2007 – 9:05 AM

The meeting was called to order by Bob Dufour, P.D., President. Members present were Buddy Bowden, P.D.; Marilyn Sitzes, P.D.; Lenora Newsome, P.D., Ronnie Norris, P.D.; Benji Post, P.D.; and Ross Holiman, B.S., H. Ed.; Sharon Capps, RN.; Staff members present were Charles Campbell, Pharm. D., Executive Director; John Kirtley, Pharm. D., Assistant Director; Erika Gee, JD and Inspector Ron Ewing, P.D..

Erika Gee presented the Board with a proposed emergency rule for discussion. Ms. Gee presented the Board with language of the emergency regulation and the reasoning for an emergency regulation regarding this subject. The following language was presented:

07-00-0009—PROPER PRACTITIONER-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP

In accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 17-92-1004(c) and Ark. Code Ann. § 17-92-1003(15), an in-person physical exam of the patient performed by a practitioner, physician, doctor or other prescribing health professional (“a practitioner”) prior to the issuance of any prescription is required in order to establish a valid or proper relationship between a patient and a practitioner, unless the prescribing practitioner is consulting at the specific request of another practitioner who maintains an ongoing relationship with the patient, has performed an in-person physical exam of the patient, and has agreed to supervise the patient’s ongoing care and use of prescribed medications.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Norris made the motion to accept the amendment to Regulation 7 as presented. Mr. Holiman seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The Board then discussed the committee to be headed up by Dr. Post regarding internet prescribing and the need for that committee in respect to the emergency rule passed by the Board.

BOARD ACTION:

Mrs. Capps made a motion to suspend the committee regarding internet pharmacy which could be reconsidered during the February meeting. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The Board then discussed the electronic tracking and sharing of records in Long Term Care pharmacies where a Fax can serve as the permanent prescription record for schedule II prescriptions. As part of this discussion, Fred Harris requested approval for off-site order entry for AllCare LTC Pharmacies.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Norris made a motion to approve the request for Off-Site Order Entry. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared By:

Approved for the Board:

John Kirtley

Bob Dufour, P.D., President