

The following rules have been suspended as part of the Governor's emergency declaration regarding COVID 19. We will update any expiration regarding this suspension of rules as we are notified:

Remove requirements for an endorsement on a pharmacist or intern license to administer medications

Rule 09-00-0002

Remove requirements for current CPR to administer medications

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Remove requirements for an endorsement to act as a Consultant Pharmacist

17-92-412. Nursing home consultant permit

Remove requirements for an endorsement to provide Disease State Management via written protocols

Rule 09-01-0001

Intern ratio limitation of 1 intern working per pharmacist is waived during this time period.

As a reminder, the intern ratio is already waived for educational experiences and Interns are more highly educated and have more ability to work than technicians (taking new prescriptions over the phone, screening patients, administering medications and immunizations as well as counseling patients). It is important to note that this does not waive the pharmacy technician to pharmacist ratio which remains at 3:1.

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Therapeutic substitution if a medication is not available and there is a therapeutically equivalent medication available during the emergency the pharmacist can discuss with the patient and substitute with a notice sent to the prescriber of the substitution due to emergency when the prescriber is unavailable.

**The first medication we have agreement with the medical community on would be any of the albuterol or levalbuterol inhalers as they are in short supply immediately. If you have a patient in need of an albuterol or levalbuterol inhaler that is not available currently you may automatically substitute and change the prescription to another available therapeutically equivalent product (a different albuterol or levalbuterol inhaler). The Board would suggest checking for continued insurance coverage and this should be discussed with the patient prior to substitution to ensure they know what is going on.

We will continue to monitor drug shortages as this moves forward for other medications for possible inclusion...

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Additionally, the Board of Pharmacy has the ability on a case by case basis of need to review and consider approval for the following (if you have interest in pursuing this you need to contact the Board of Pharmacy office):

Ability for a pharmacist to perform order entry, order verification, prescription input review and/or prescription processing off-site. This consideration does not mean that a pharmacy can operate without a pharmacist being present on site in the pharmacy to supervise activities and perform final checks on products in pharmacies. This also does not allow for pharmacy technicians to work off site. While currently available to hospital pharmacies we can allow for retail permits as well by temporary waiver and can waive the required Board appearance for temporary approval.

04-02-0012 – RETAIL PHARMACY OFF SITE ORDER ENTRY (currently limited between licensed retail pharmacies)

04-05-0004 - OFF SITE ORDER ENTRY (hospital)

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