Telepharmacy-amendments.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to the practice of pharmacy; amending provisions related to the practice of telepharmacy; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 33-24-101(b)(ii) and 33-24-156(a), (b)(i), (ii), by creating a new paragraph (vi), (c) and by creating a new subsection (d) are amended to read:

33-24-101. Short title; definitions.

(b) As used in this act:
(ii) "Telepharmacy" means a site located within a medical clinic or community health center where prescription drugs are stored and dispensed that is remote from but under the active control and supervision of a parent pharmacy and a licensed pharmacist and that is staffed during hours of operation by a certified pharmacy technician or registered pharmacy intern subject to the requirements of W.S. 33-24-156;

33-24-156. Telepharmacy practice authorized.

(a) The board pursuant to its rules and regulations may authorize a licensed pharmacy to store and dispense prescription drugs as provided in subsection (b) of this section through a telepharmacy, located at a site at least twenty-five (25) miles from a licensed pharmacy.

(b) Telepharmacies shall include the following minimum features:

(i) Storage, security and dispensing of prescription drugs in unit of issue packages or through a mechanical system which dispenses tablets or capsules from
an enclosed and lockable cabinet directly into a prescription vial and prints and applies a prescription label to the vial;

(ii) Connection by a secure communication system to the parent pharmacy, with the capability of live video and audio communication with a registered licensed pharmacist at the parent pharmacy during hours of operation;

(vi) Telepharmacies shall be supervised by a parent pharmacy and a licensed pharmacist and shall be staffed during hours of operation by a licensed pharmacist, certified pharmacy technician or registered pharmacy intern.

(c) A telepharmacy system operated as provided in this act and in accord with rules and regulations of the board is deemed to be operated under the charge of a registered licensed pharmacist for purposes of W.S. 33-24-113(b). A pharmacist may not serve as a pharmacist in charge for more than one (1) telepharmacy at any one time.
(d) A licensed pharmacist who supervises a telepharmacy shall complete an inspection of the telepharmacy at a frequency specified by the board of pharmacy. Inspection criteria shall be developed by the state board of pharmacy and all inspection criteria shall be included in the policies and procedures applicable to each telepharmacy site. Inspection reports shall be prepared pursuant to standards adopted by the board of pharmacy and shall be maintained by each telepharmacy until the next state board of pharmacy inspection.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2017.