

SENATE FILE NO. SF0062

Telepharmacy-amendments.

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

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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11 **33-24-101. Short title; definitions.**

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13 (b) As used in this act:

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1           (ii) "Telepharmacy" means a site ~~located within~~  
2 ~~a medical clinic or community health center~~ where  
3 prescription drugs are stored and dispensed that is remote  
4 from but under the active control and supervision of a  
5 parent pharmacy and a licensed pharmacist, and that is  
6 ~~staffed during hours of operation by a certified pharmacy~~  
7 ~~technician or registered pharmacy intern~~ subject to the  
8 requirements of W.S. 33-24-156;  
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10           **33-24-156. Telepharmacy practice authorized.**  
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12           (a) The board pursuant to its rules and regulations  
13 may authorize a licensed pharmacy to store and dispense  
14 prescription drugs as provided in subsection (b) of this  
15 section through a telepharmacy. ~~located at a site at least~~  
16 ~~twenty-five (25) miles from a licensed pharmacy.~~  
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18           (b) Telepharmacies shall include the following  
19 minimum features:  
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21           (i) Storage, security and dispensing of  
22 prescription drugs in unit of issue packages or through a  
23 ~~mechanical~~ system which dispenses tablets or capsules from

1 an enclosed and lockable cabinet directly into a  
2 prescription vial and prints and applies a prescription  
3 label to the vial;

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

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

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17 (c) A telepharmacy system operated as provided in  
18 this act and in accord with rules and regulations of the  
19 board is deemed to be operated under the charge of a  
20 ~~registered~~licensed pharmacist for purposes of W.S.  
21 33-24-113(b). ~~A pharmacist may not serve as a pharmacist~~  
22 ~~in charge for more than one (1) telepharmacy at any one~~  
23 ~~time.~~

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2       (d) A licensed pharmacist who supervises a  
3 telepharmacy shall complete an inspection of the  
4 telepharmacy at a frequency specified by the board of  
5 pharmacy. Inspection criteria shall be developed by the  
6 state board of pharmacy and all inspection criteria shall  
7 be included in the policies and procedures applicable to  
8 each telepharmacy site. Inspection reports shall be  
9 prepared pursuant to standards adopted by the board of  
10 pharmacy and shall be maintained by each telepharmacy until  
11 the next state board of pharmacy inspection.

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

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