



## Certification Page Regular and Emergency Rules

Revised September 2016

☐ **Emergency Rules** (After completing all of Sections 1 through 3, proceed to Section 5 below)

☒ **Regular Rules**

### 1. General Information

a. Agency/Board Name <b>Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy</b>		
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i. Program <b>Pharmacy, Board of</b>		

**2. Legislative Enactment** For purposes of this Section 2, "new" only applies to regular rules promulgated in response to a Wyoming legislative enactment not previously addressed in whole or in part by prior rulemaking and does not include rules adopted in response to a federal mandate.

a. Are these rules new as per the above description and the definition of "new" in Chapter 1 of the Rules on Rules?

☒ **No.** ☐ **Yes.** Please provide the Enrolled Act Numbers and Years Enacted:

### 3. Rule Type and Information

a. Provide the Chapter Number, Title, and Proposed Action for Each Chapter.

(Please use the Additional Rule Information form for more than 10 chapters and attach it to this certification)

Chapter Number: <b>1</b>	Chapter Name: <b>Rules of Practice and Procedure</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
Chapter Number: <b>2</b>	Chapter Name: <b>General Practice of Pharmacy Regulations</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
Chapter Number: <b>10</b>	Chapter Name: <b>Pharmacy Technician Regulations</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
Chapter Number: <b>17</b>	Chapter Name: <b>Sterile Compounding</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
Chapter Number: <b>19</b>	Chapter Name: <b>Licensing of Pharmacists and Pharmacies</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
Chapter Number: <b>20</b>	Chapter Name: <b>Collaborative Practice Regulations</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
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### 3. State Government Notice of Intended Rulemaking

- a. Date on which the Proposed Rule Packet (consisting of the Notice of Intent as per W.S. 16-3-103(a), Statement of Principal Reasons, strike and underscore format and a clean copy of each chapter of rules were: 09/20/2018
- approved as to form by the Registrar of Rules; and
  - provided to the Legislative Service Office and Attorney General: 09/21/2018

### 4. Public Notice of Intended Rulemaking

- a. Notice was mailed 45 days in advance to all persons who made a timely request for advance notice. ☐ No. ☒ Yes. ☐ N/A
- b. A public hearing was held on the proposed rules. ☒ No. ☐ Yes. Please complete the boxes below.

Date:	Time:	City:	Location:


- c. If applicable, describe the **emergency** which requires promulgation of these rules without providing notice or an opportunity for a public hearing:

### 5. Final Filing of Rules

- a. Date on which the Certification Page with original signatures and final rules were sent to the Attorney General's Office for the Governor's signature: 11/16/2018
- b. Date on which final rules were approved as to form by the Secretary of State and sent to the Legislative Service Office: 11/16/2018
- c. ☒ The Statement of Reasons is attached to this certification.

### 6. Agency/Board Certification

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing information is correct.

Signature of Authorized Individual	
Printed Name of Signatory	Lisa V. Hunt
Signatory Title	Executive Director
Date of Signature	November 16, 2018

### 7. Governor's Certification

I have reviewed these rules and determined that they:

1. Are within the scope of the statutory authority delegated to the adopting agency;
2. Appear to be within the scope of the legislative purpose of the statutory authority; and, if emergency rules,
3. Are necessary and that I concur in the finding that they are an emergency.

Therefore, I approve the same.

Governor's Signature	
Date of Signature	



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## WYOMING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT RULES AND REGULATIONS

### STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL REASONS FOR REVISIONS

September 2018

Revisions are proposed in Chapters 1, 2, 10, and 17 of the Wyoming Pharmacy Act Rules and Regulations and include reduction of the number, the length, and the complexity of rules and regulations whenever possible. These chapters have also been revised to correct spelling, grammar, and format including numbering and pagination. As required by WYO. STAT. ANN. § 16-3-103(a)(i)(G), these rules meet minimum substantive state statutory requirements.

New chapters 19 and 20 are proposed for of the Wyoming Pharmacy Act Rules and Regulations. These chapters do not include any new regulation. They were removed from chapter 2 General Practice of Pharmacy to clarify those programs. As required by WYO. STAT. ANN. § 16-3-103(a)(i)(G), these rules meet minimum substantive state statutory requirements.

#### Chapter 1: Rules of Practice and Procedure

- ) Clarifying the complaint process.

#### Chapter 2: General Practice of Pharmacy Regulations

- ) Removing section 27 Collaborative Pharmacist Care to new proposed chapter 20.
- ) Removing sections related to the licensing of pharmacists and pharmacies and moving them to new proposed chapter 19.
- ) Clarifying the definition of Medication Refill Consolidation.
- ) Removing reinstatement of pharmacy technician regulations and moving them to chapter 10.

#### Chapter 10: Pharmacy Technician Regulations

- ) Including the National Healthcareer Association (ExCPT) certification examination for technician licensure.
- ) Included the reinstatement regulations for pharmacy technicians from chapter 2.

#### Chapter 17: Sterile Compounding

- ) Updated incorporation by reference to the July 27, 2018 version of USP chapter 797.

#### Chapter 19: Licensing of Pharmacists and Pharmacies

- ) New chapter created from the sections related to the licensing of pharmacists and pharmacies and from chapter 2 to make the chapter less cumbersome.

#### Chapter 20: Collaborative Practice Regulations

- ) New chapter created from the sections related to collaborative pharmacist care from chapter 2 to make the chapter less cumbersome.





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## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE WYOMING PHARMACY ACT RULES CHAPTERS 1, 2, 10, 17, 19 AND 20**

Chapter 1: Rules of Practice and Procedure: No written or verbal public comments were received regarding this chapter.

Chapter 2: General Practice of Pharmacy: No written or verbal public comments were received regarding this chapter.

Chapter 10: Pharmacy Technician Regulations: No written or verbal public comments were received regarding this chapter.

Chapter 17: Sterile Compounding: One written comment document was received. The comment requested the Board not to finalize the proposed rule revision due to their perceived impact on the practice of dermatology. Research finds that the Wyoming Pharmacy Act exempts physicians:

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 33-24-129 titled "Exempted professions" states:

"This act does not apply to physicians, dentists, veterinarians, podiatrists, optometrists, osteopaths or midwives licensed by law to practice their professions within this state or to other persons authorized by federal law and state law to treat sick and injured persons in Wyoming and to use controlled substances in the course of treatment."

Chapter 19: Licensing of Pharmacists and Pharmacies: No written or verbal public comments were received regarding this chapter.

Chapter 20: Collaborative Practice Regulations: No written or verbal public comments were received regarding this chapter.

## **RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**

### **CHAPTER 1**

#### **Section 1. Authority.**

These rules are promulgated as authorized by the Wyoming Pharmacy Act W.S. § 33-24-101 through -301.

#### **Section 2. Purpose.**

To describe procedures for applications and investigations.

#### **Section 3. Scope.**

Applies to all applicants and licensees.

#### **Section 4. Definitions.**

- (a) "Act" means the Wyoming Pharmacy Act, W.S. § 33-24-101 through -301.
- (b) "Application Review Committee" (ARC) means the Executive Director, at least one Board member, and a Board Compliance Officer.
- (c) "Board" means the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy.
- (d) "Contestant" means the person, persons, firm or corporations who are licensed under the jurisdiction of the Board against whom a proceeding by petition, verified complaint in writing or formal notice, alleging violation directly or indirectly of any of the terms and provisions of the Act or of the lawful Rules and Regulations of the Board or any related acts and resulting lawful rules and regulations (i.e. Controlled Substances Act, 1971).
- (e) "Contested Case" means any proceeding where legal rights, duties or privileges of a party are required by law to be determined by the Board.
- (f) "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Board.
- (g) "License" means the whole or part of any Board permit, certificate, approval, registration or similar form of permission required by law. License does not include a license required solely for revenue purposes.
- (h) "Prosecuting Attorney" means the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Board to represent the Executive Director in contested cases.
- (i) "Staff" means the personnel of the Board.

**Section 5. Application Review Process.**

(a) Upon receipt of a completed application, the Staff shall review the application and if it is complete and, if there are no grounds for denial, issue the license. If grounds for denial exist, the Staff shall forward the application for review by the Prosecuting Attorney.

(b) The Prosecuting Attorney shall review the application and all other information available and following the review shall:

(i) Recommend approval of the application; or

(ii) Recommend the application be forwarded to the ARC for review.

(c) If, after review, the ARC recommends denial of an application:

(i) A preliminary denial letter shall be sent to the applicant. The letter shall:

(A) State the basis for the denial including relevant statutes and rules;  
and

(B) Advise the applicant of the right to request reconsideration.

(ii) If the applicant fails to request reconsideration in writing within thirty (30) days of the preliminary denial letter, the preliminary denial becomes final.

(iii) If the applicant requests reconsideration within thirty (30) days, an informal reconsideration conference shall be held between the ARC, the Prosecuting Attorney, and the applicant.

(iv) Following the informal reconsideration conference, the ARC shall either approve or deny the application.

(v) If denied, the applicant must submit a request in writing for a hearing within thirty (30) days of the date of the denial letter.

(vi) If the applicant fails to request a hearing in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of the denial letter, the denial becomes final.

(d) Application denial hearings.

(i) An application denial hearing is a formal contested case hearing conducted before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act W.S. § 16-3-107 through -113 and Office of Administration Rules.

(ii) The applicant has the burden of proving that he/she meets all requirements for the license requested.

(e) The ARC may attend hearings, but shall not take part in the consideration of any contested case.

**Section 6.** Complaints.

(a) A complaint concerning an alleged violation of the Act must be submitted in writing to the Board. The written complaint shall provide the following information:

- (i) The name and address of the complainant;
- (ii) The name, address, place of employment, and telephone number of the license holder against whom the charges are made, if available and applicable;
- (iii) The specific conduct alleged to constitute the violation;
- (iv) The name and address of any witnesses; and
- (v) The notarized signature of the complainant.

(b) Written complaints for which there is an alleged violation of the act shall be referred for investigation to the Board Compliance Officer or to an Investigative Board Member (IBM) selected by Staff from a rotating schedule.

- (i) The IBM shall not take part in the consideration of any contested case.
- (ii) The IBM shall not, by this rule, be barred from attending any disciplinary hearing.

(c) License holders against whom charges of an alleged violation of the act are made shall be advised of the investigation and the nature of the complaint.

**Section 7.** Investigations and Board Action.

(a) Upon completion of the investigation, the Executive Director shall:

- (i) Dismiss the complaint if no evidence of violation of the Act or Board rules is found; or
- (ii) Prepare an investigative report which shall include:
  - (A) The findings of the investigation;
  - (B) A list of statutes and/or Board rules violated; and
  - (C) Any relevant additional information.

(b) The Executive Director shall forward the report and recommendations to the Prosecuting Attorney for review.

(c) Following consultation with the Prosecuting Attorney, the Executive Director shall:

(i) Send the notice required by Section 6;

(ii) Prepare and file a formal petition and notice of hearing setting the matter for a contested case hearing before the Board;

(iii) Recommend the Board accept an offer of conditional terms for settlement; or

(iv) Recommend the Board dismiss the complaint.

(d) The Board may resolve a complaint at any time prior to a contested case hearing by:

(i) Accepting voluntary surrender of a license;

(ii) Accepting conditional terms for settlement; or

(iii) Dismissing the complaint.

**Section 8.** Service of Notice and Opportunity to Show Compliance.

Prior to commencement of a formal hearing, the Executive Director shall notify the licensee by certified mail of the intent to proceed with disciplinary action. The notice shall give the license holder an opportunity to contest the violations referred to in the Notice or to accept the proposed settlement agreement within twenty (20) days of receipt of the notice

**Section 9.** Incorporation by reference.

(a) For any code, standard, rule or regulation incorporated by reference in this Chapter:

(i) The Board has determined that incorporation of the full text in these rules would be cumbersome or inefficient given the length or nature of the rules;

(ii) The incorporation by reference does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter beyond the applicable date identified in subsection (b) of this section; and

(iii) The incorporated code, standard, rule or regulation is maintained at Board's office and is available for public inspection and copying at cost at the same location.



(b) Each code, standard, rule or regulation incorporated by reference in this Chapter is further identified as follows:

(i) Chapter 2 – Uniform Rules for Contested Case Practice and Procedure, adopted by the Office of Administrative Hearings and effective on October 17, 2014, found at: <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Rules/RULES/9644.pdf>.

(ii) Chapter 2 – Uniform Procedures, Fees, Costs and Charges for Inspecting, Copying and Producing Public Records adopted by the Department of Administration and Information and effective on September 6, 2016, found at [pharmacyboard.state.wy.us](http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us).

## **GENERAL PRACTICE OF PHARMACY REGULATIONS**

### **CHAPTER 2**

#### **Section 1.** Authority.

These regulations are promulgated pursuant to the Wyoming Pharmacy Act W.S. § 33-24-101 through -301.

#### **Section 2.** Purpose.

The purpose of this regulation is to coordinate the requirements for pharmacy services by providing minimum standards, conditions, and physical guidelines for facilities and pharmacists in professional settings.

#### **Section 3.** Scope.

This chapter applies to any person, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or other entity engaging in the practice of pharmacy within the state.

#### **Section 4.** Definitions.

(a) “Active pharmacy practice” means a pharmacist who engages in the practice of pharmacy, as defined in W.S. § 33-24-124, a minimum of four hundred (400) hours per calendar year.

(b) “Administer” means the direct application of a drug, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, to the body of a patient or research subject by:

(i) A practitioner (or by his or her authorized agent); or

(ii) The patient or research subject at the direction of the practitioner.

(c) “Ancillary kit” means a tamper-evident sealed and secured container or secured automated dispensing device containing drugs.

(d) “Audit trail” means a record showing who has accessed an information technology application and what operations the user performed during a given period.

(e) “Authentication” means verifying the identity of the user prior to allowing access to the information application.

(f) “Automated Dispensing Device” means a mechanical system that performs operations or activities, other than compounding or administration, relative to the storage,

packaging, dispensing or distribution of medications, and which collects, controls, and maintains all transaction information.

(g) “Board of Pharmacy” or “Board” means the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy.

(h) “Collaborative pharmacy practice” is that practice of pharmacy whereby one or more pharmacists have jointly agreed, on a voluntary basis, to work in conjunction with one or more practitioners under protocol and in collaboration to provide patient care services to achieve optimal medication use and desired patient outcomes.

(i) “Collaborative practice agreement” means a written voluntary agreement, between a pharmacist and a prescribing practitioner that defines a collaborative practice.

(j) “Compounding” means and includes the preparation, mixing or assembling of a drug or device, and the packaging and labeling incident thereto for sale or dispensing:

(i) As the result of a practitioner’s prescription drug order or initiative based on the practitioner/patient/pharmacist relationship in the course of his/her professional practice;

(ii) For the purpose of research, teaching, or chemical analysis; or

(iii) In anticipation of prescription drug orders based on routine, regularly observed prescribing patterns.

(iv) Compounding does not include mixing, reconstituting, adding flavoring or other such acts that are performed in accordance with directions contained in approved labeling provided by the product’s manufacturer and other manufacturer directions consistent with the labeling.

(k) “Confidential information” means information maintained by the pharmacist in the patient’s records, or communicated to the patient as part of patient counseling, which is privileged and may be released only to the patient or, as the patient directs, to those practitioners and other pharmacists where, in the pharmacist’s professional judgment, such release is necessary to protect the patient’s health and well being, and to such other persons or governmental agencies authorized by law to investigate controlled substance law violations.

(l) “Consultant pharmacist” means a pharmacist who establishes policies and procedures for the distribution and storage of drugs, visits the facility on a regularly scheduled basis, but is not physically present at the facility for a set number of hours on a daily basis, and conducts prospective and retrospective drug utilization reviews, including the identification of problems and recommendations for resolution of identified problems for residents of the facility.

(m) “Deliver” or “delivery” means the actual, constructive or attempted transfer from one person to another of a drug or device, whether or not there is an agency relationship.

(n) “Device” means an instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance, implant, or other similar or related article, including any component part of accessory, which is required under federal law to bear the label, “Caution: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.”

(o) “Digital signature” means an electronic identifier that:

(i) Is intended by the party using it to have the same force and effect as a manual signature;

(ii) Is unique to the authorized signer;

(iii) Is capable of verification;

(iv) Is under the sole control of the authorized signer;

(v) Is linked to the prescription in such a manner, that, if the prescription information is changed, the signature is invalidated; and

(vi) Conforms to Wyoming State Statute and Board Rules and Regulations.

(p) “Dispense” means the interpretation, evaluation and implementation of a prescription drug or nonprescription drug under a lawful order of a practitioner in a suitable container appropriately labeled for subsequent administration to or use by a patient, research subject or an animal.

(q) “Distribute” means the delivery of a drug or device other than by administering or dispensing.

(r) “Dosage form” means the physical formulation or medium in which the product is manufactured and made available for use including, but not limited to, tablets, capsules, oral solutions, aerosols, inhalers, gels, lotions, creams, ointments, transdermals and suppositories.

(s) “Drug” means an article recognized as a drug in any official compendium, or supplement thereto, designated for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in humans or animals.

(t) “Drug therapy management” means the same as medication therapy management as defined in this Chapter.

(u) “Electronic prescription” means a prescription that is generated on an electronic application and transmitted as an electronic data file.

(v) “Electronic signature” means a method of signing an electronic message that identifies a particular person as the source of the message and indicates the person’s approval of the information contained in the message.

(w) “Electronic transmission” means:

(i) Transmission of the digital representation of information from one computer or other similar electronic device to another computer, which is authenticated by a digital signature; or

(ii) Transmission of the electronic representation of information from one computer or other similar electronic device to a facsimile (fax) machine, which is authenticated by an electronic signature.

(x) “Labeling” means the process of preparing and affixing a label to any drug container, exclusive of the labeling by a manufacturer, packager or distributor.

(y) “Medication refill consolidation” means a component of medication therapy management that recognizes the authority of the pharmacist, at the patient’s directions, to proactively adjust the medication quantity or refill schedule and to manage a patient’s maintenance medications by coordinating the refill schedules, not to exceed the total quantity prescribed, to improve patient outcomes.

(z) “Medication therapy management” (also known as “drug therapy management”) is a distinct service or group of services that optimize therapeutic outcomes for individual patients. Medical therapy management (MTM) services are independent of, but can occur in conjunction with, the provision of a medication or a medical device. MTM encompasses a broad range of professional activities and responsibilities within the licensed pharmacist’s scope of practice. MTM services may be performed without a collaborative practice agreement. These services may include, but are not limited to, the following, according to the individual needs of the patient:

(i) Performing or obtaining necessary assessments of the patient’s health status;

(ii) Formulating a medication treatment plan;

(iii) Selecting, initiating, modifying or administering medication therapy;

(iv) Monitoring and evaluating the patient’s response to therapy, including safety and effectiveness;

(v) Performing a comprehensive medication review to identify, resolve and prevent medication-related problems, including adverse drug events;

(vi) Documenting the care delivered and communicating essential information to the patient’s other primary care providers;

(vii) Providing verbal education and training designed to enhance patient understanding and appropriate use of his or her medications;

(viii) Providing information, support services and resources designed to enhance patient adherence with his or her therapeutic regimens, such as medication refill consolidation;

(ix) Coordinating and integrating MTM services within the broader health care management services being provided to the patient;

(x) Such other patient care services as may be allowed by law; or

(xi) Ordering, or performing laboratory assessments, and evaluating the response of the patient to therapy, as it directly relates to MTM, provided:

(A) The pharmacy or service is certified by the US Department of Health and Human Services, as a clinical laboratory under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA); or

(B) The tests do not otherwise require a physician's order and the pharmacy or service has obtained a CLIA Certificate of Waiver from the US Department of Health and Human Services; and

(C) The pharmacist is qualified to direct the laboratory.

(aa) "Paper prescription" means a prescription created on paper or computer generated to be printed or transmitted via fax that includes a manual signature.

(bb) "Patient confidences" as used in WYO. STAT. ANN. § 33-24-101(b)(4)(C) means information transmitted by the prescribing practitioner or agent to the pharmacist or agent for the purpose of treating the patient and information transmitted by the patient or agent to the pharmacist or agent for the purpose of treatment, and includes the patient's name, address, medical condition and drugs lawfully prescribed for the patient. The pharmacist may release otherwise confidential information pertaining to the patient's treatment to a minor's parent or guardian, the patient's third party payor or the patient's agent.

(cc) "Patient counseling" means the verbal communication by the pharmacist of information, to the patient or caregiver, in order to improve therapy by ensuring proper use of drugs and devices. Patient counseling may be supplemented with printed materials.

(dd) "Pharmacist care" (also known as pharmaceutical care) is patient care activities provided by a pharmacist, with or without the dispensing of drugs or devices, intended to achieve positive clinical outcomes and to optimize the patient's health-related quality of life.

(ee) "Pharmacist's collaborative scope of practice" means those duties and limitations of duties agreed upon by pharmacists and the collaborating practitioners (subject to Board approval and applicable law), and includes the limitations implied by the specialty practiced by the collaborating practitioner.



(ff) “Pharmacist-in-Charge” (“PIC”) means a pharmacist currently licensed in this state who accepts responsibility for the operation of a pharmacy in conformance with all laws, rules pertinent to the practice of pharmacy and the distribution of drugs.

(gg) “Pharmacy intern” is described in Chapter 3 of these rules.

(hh) “Practitioner” means an individual currently licensed, registered, or otherwise authorized by the jurisdiction in which he/she practices to prescribe drugs in the course of professional practice.

(ii) “Prepackage” means to prepare a drug in a container in advance of actual, immediate need for dispensing, prior to the receipt of an order. Such packaging may be in a single unit dose or unit of use package for use in a unit dose dispensing system or in a container suitable for a traditional dispensing system.

(jj) “Prescription drug” or “legend drug” means a drug which, under federal law, is required to be labeled with one of the following statements:

(i) “Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription”;

(ii) “Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by, or on the order of, a licensed veterinarian”; or

(iii) “Rx Only.”

(kk) “Prescription drug order” means a lawful order of a practitioner for a drug or device for a specific patient.

(ll) “Readily retrievable” means records kept in such a manner that they can be separated out from all other records and produced for review within forty-eight (48) hours.

(mm) “Repackage” means to prepare a single unit dose or unit of use package or traditional dispensing system package for dispensing pursuant to an existing order.

(nn) “State Board,” as used in W.S. § 33-24-136(b), shall mean the boards of medicine, dental examiners, nursing, podiatry, optometry and veterinary medicine of the State of Wyoming and their similar counterpart boards of any of the states in the United States of America.

(oo) “Traditional dispensing system” means a drug package system in which individual doses are not packaged in single unit dose packages or unit of use packages.

(pp) “Unit dose dispensing system” means a drug distribution system that is in a pharmacy and uses single unit dose packages or unit of use packages that enable distribution of packaged doses in a manner that preserves the identity and the integrity of the drug.

(qq) "Single Unit Dose" means a package that contains one unit of medication.

(rr) "Unit of use" means a package that provides multiple units of doses separated in a medication card or other similarly designed container.

(ss) "Wholesale distributor" is defined in Chapter 8 of these rules.

**Section 5. Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC).**

(a) Every licensed pharmacy must be in the continuous daily charge of a pharmacist. A pharmacist shall be designated as the PIC and shall have direct control of the pharmacy services of said pharmacy.

(i) A pharmacist may not serve as the PIC unless said pharmacist is physically present in the pharmacy a minimum of thirty-two (32) hours per week, except for time periods of less than thirty (30) days when absent due to illness, family illness or death, scheduled vacation or other authorized absence, every week, or eighty percent (80%) of the time the pharmacy is open, if opened less than forty (40) hours per week.

(ii) A pharmacist may not serve as PIC for more than one pharmacy at a time. The name of the PIC shall be designated on the application of the pharmacy for the license and in each renewal period. A pharmacist may seek a waiver from the Board to serve as PIC for more than one pharmacy, provided those requirements for number of hours physically present in the pharmacy are met.

(iii) It shall be the responsibility of the person, partnership, firm, or corporation holding a pharmacy license to notify the Board immediately of the disability of the PIC for a period exceeding thirty (30) days.

(iv) A corporation or other non-pharmacist owner must comply strictly with the above provisions and provide a PIC who will have complete control of the pharmacy services of the pharmacy.

(v) Responsibilities of the PIC include requiring compliance with all federal and state pharmacy laws and regulations. It shall be the duty of the PIC to report all pharmacy violations within their facility to the Board, with the single exception that, whenever a PIC or staff pharmacist reports a pharmacist or pharmacy technician to the Wyoming Professional Assistance Program (WPAP) for suspected substance abuse, no further reporting to the Board regarding the name of the suspected substance abuse impaired pharmacist or pharmacy technician needs to be done. Any pharmacy technician-in-training or pharmacy intern suspected of substance abuse and reported to WPAP shall be reported to the Board.

(vi) Additional responsibilities of the PIC shall be to:

(A) Establish policies and procedures for the procurement, storage, compounding and dispensing of pharmaceuticals;

- (B) Supervise the professional employees of the pharmacy;
- (C) Supervise the non-professional employees of the pharmacy;
- (D) Establish and supervise the recordkeeping for the security of all pharmaceuticals;
- (E) Report any significant loss or theft of drugs to the Board and other authorities;
- (F) Ensure that all professional staff, including registered pharmacists, interns, pharmacy technicians-in-training and registered pharmacy technicians, have valid licenses or registrations in good standing and that all certificates are on display. Pharmacists must report any change of address or place of employment to the Board within fifteen (15) days of the change;
- (G) Ensure that all pharmacy licenses, including state and federal controlled substances registration, are valid and posted;
- (H) Develop and implement a procedure for drug recall, including a quarantine area designated separately from other drugs awaiting return; and
  - (I) Upon receipt, each shipping container shall be visually examined for identity and to determine if it may contain contaminated, contraband, counterfeit or damaged prescription drugs or prescription drugs that are otherwise unfit for dispensing.
  - (II) The prescription drugs found to be unacceptable shall be quarantined from the rest of the stock until examination and determination that the prescribed drugs are not outdated, damaged, deteriorated, misbranded, counterfeit, contraband or adulterated.
  - (I) Assure that all expired drug products are removed from active stock and placed in an area designated for return.
- (vii) Every pharmacy shall have at least one registered pharmacist on duty and physically present in the building at all times that the pharmacy is open for the transaction of business. If the pharmacist is absent from the building where there is a licensed retail pharmacy, the prescription department must be locked and kept so until that pharmacist's return. A sign stating "Prescription Department Closed – No Registered Pharmacist on Duty" shall be conspicuously posted.
- (viii) No pharmacy shall be permitted to operate without a PIC for more than thirty (30) days.

**Section 6.**     Transfer of Prescription Orders Between Prescription Drug Outlets.

(a)     A prescription label or a written copy of a prescription order from another pharmacy may be issued for informational purposes only and shall not be considered to be a valid prescription order. A pharmacist who receives such a label or prescription order copy shall either contact the prescribing practitioner for authorization to dispense the prescription or, alternatively, shall comply with this section.

(i)     A pharmacist, pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern shall transfer prescription order information for non-controlled substances upon the request of a patient. Transfer of prescription order information for the purpose of filling or refilling a prescription is subject to the following requirements:

(A)     The information is communicated verbally by one pharmacist or pharmacy intern to another pharmacist;

(B)     The information is sent to the receiving pharmacy via fax by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician with the consent of the supervising pharmacist;

(C)     The information is electronically transferred between pharmacies by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician with the consent of the supervising pharmacist;

(D)     A pharmacy intern may receive a transferred prescription for non-controlled substances if the transfer is initiated by a pharmacist, not another pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician; or

(E)     Pharmacies electronically transferring information must satisfy all information requirements of a transferred prescription including those requirements in W.S. § 33-24-136.

(ii)     The transferring pharmacist, pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern shall:

(A)     Write the word “void” across the face of the original prescription order to make the order invalid or electronically document that the prescription has been voided; and

(B)     Record on the reverse side of the invalidated prescription order or electronic document:

(I)     His/her name;

(II)    The name of the receiving pharmacist;

- (III) The name of the receiving pharmacy;
- (IV) The telephone number of the receiving pharmacy; and
- (V) The date of the transfer.

(iii) The pharmacist or pharmacy intern receiving the transferred prescription order information shall create a written or electronic record of the prescription, write the word “transfer” or a word of similar import on the face of the transferred prescription order or electronically document that the prescription has been transferred, and provide all information required by law or regulation to be on the prescription order, including:

- (A) The name of the patient, including the date of birth, if available;
- (B) The name of the prescribing practitioner and DEA number, if a controlled substance;
- (C) The date of issue of the original prescription order;
- (D) The date of the dispensing of the original prescription order, if any;
- (E) The number of refills authorized;
- (F) The number of valid refills remaining;
- (G) The date of the last refill of the original prescription order, if any;
- (H) The prescription order number from which the prescription order information was transferred, if any;
- (I) The name of the transferring pharmacist or pharmacy intern; and
- (J) The name and telephone number of the transferring pharmacy.

(iv) The transferring pharmacy shall retain the original prescription order.

(v) The receiving pharmacy shall retain the transferred prescription order.

(vi) The pharmacist or pharmacy intern at the receiving pharmacy at the time of the dispensing of the transferred prescription shall inform the patient that the prescription order is now invalid at the pharmacy from which it was transferred.

(vii) A transferring pharmacy shall comply with all requirements of this regulation, including invalidation of the prescription order and deactivation of the order in the computer.

(viii) Nothing in this rule shall be deemed to permit the transfer of a prescription order for a Schedule II controlled substance.

(ix) A prescription order for a controlled substance in Schedule III through V may be transferred only one time, that transfer being from the pharmacy where the prescription was originally filled. It shall not be further transferred by, or to, any other pharmacy. However, pharmacies electronically sharing a real-time, online database may transfer up to the maximum refills permitted by law and the practitioner's authorization.

(x) The transfers of Schedules III, IV and V controlled substances are subject to the following requirements:

(A) The transfer must be communicated directly between two licensed pharmacists;

(B) The transferring pharmacist must do the following:

(I) Write the word "VOID" on the face of the invalidated prescription; or for electronic prescriptions, information that the prescription has been transferred must be added to the prescription record;

(II) Record on the reverse of the invalidated prescription the name, address and DEA registration number of the pharmacy to which it was transferred and the name of the pharmacist receiving the prescription information; for electronic prescriptions, such information must be added to the prescription record; and

(III) Record the date of the transfer and the name of the pharmacist transferring the information.

(C) For paper prescriptions and prescriptions received verbally, and reduced to writing or an electronic record by a pharmacist, the pharmacist receiving the transferred prescription information must write the word "transfer" on the face of the transferred prescription and reduce to writing or an electronic record all information required including:

(I) Date of issuance of original prescription;

(II) Original number of refills authorized on original prescription;

(III) Date of original dispensing;

(IV) Number of valid refills remaining and date(s) and locations of previous refills;



(V) Pharmacy's name, address, DEA registration number and prescription number from which the prescription information was transferred;

(VI) Name of pharmacist who transferred the prescription; and

(VII) Pharmacy's name, address, DEA registration number and prescription number from which the prescription was originally filled.

(D) For an electronic prescription being transferred electronically, the transferring pharmacist shall provide the receiving pharmacist with the following information in addition to the original electronic prescription data:

(I) The date of the original dispensing;

(II) The number of refills remaining and the date(s) and locations of previous refill(s);

(III) The transferring pharmacy's name, address, DEA registration number and prescription number for each dispensing;

(IV) The name of the pharmacist transferring the prescription;  
and

(V) The name, address, DEA registration number and prescription number from the pharmacy that originally filled the prescription, if different.

(E) The pharmacist receiving a transferred electronic prescription must create an electronic record for the prescription that includes the receiving pharmacist's name and all of the information transferred with the prescription under this chapter.

(xi) The original and transferred prescription(s) of controlled substances in Schedules III, IV and V must be maintained for a period of two (2) years from the date of last dispensing.

(xii) Pharmacies electronically accessing the same prescription record for controlled substances in Schedules III, IV and V must satisfy all information requirements of a manual mode for prescription transfer.

(xiii) When a pharmacist receives a paper or verbal prescription indicating that the prescription was originally transmitted electronically to another pharmacy, the pharmacist must check with that pharmacy to determine whether the prescription was received and dispensed. If the pharmacy that received the original electronic prescription has not dispensed the prescription, that pharmacy must mark the electronic version as void or canceled. If the pharmacy that received the original electronic prescription dispensed the prescription, the pharmacy with the paper version must not dispense the paper prescription and must mark the prescription as void.

(xiv) A prescription order for a non-controlled prescription drug may be transferred from one pharmacy to another pharmacy only so long as there are refills remaining and each pharmacy can establish that a valid refill existed at the time of dispensing.

(xv) The original and transferred prescription(s) must be maintained for a period of two (2) years from the date of last dispensing.

**Section 7. Labeling Prescription Drug Containers.**

(a) All original or refill prescription drug containers utilized in a traditional dispensing system shall be labeled as follows:

- (i) name of the patient;
- (ii) brand or generic name of the drug product dispensed, unless otherwise specified;
- (iii) drug strength and quantity;
- (iv) the name, address, and telephone number of the pharmacy;
- (v) the practitioner's name;
- (vi) the serialized number of the prescription;
- (vii) the date the prescription was filled or refilled;
- (viii) purpose for use where appropriate;
- (ix) directions for use; including accessory cautionary information as appropriate for patient safety;
- (x) the identifying initials of the dispensing pharmacist; and
- (xi) any other information required by federal or state law.

(b) All original or refill prescription drug containers utilized in a traditional dispensing system shall be labeled with the product's physical description, including any identification code that may appear on the tablets and capsules. A waiver will be granted for new drugs for the first one hundred-twenty (120) days on the market and ninety (90) days for drugs which the national reference file has no description on file.

(c) All single unit dose or unit of use packaging shall be labeled as follows:

- (i) Brand name and/or generic name of the prescription drug;
- (ii) Strength;

(iii) Manufacturer's lot number;

(iv) Manufacturer's expiration date. If prepackaged or repackaged by the pharmacy, the expiration date shall be the lesser of the manufacturer's expiration date or twelve (12) months from the date of prepackaging or repackaging;

(v) All unit of use packaging dispensed shall include the following information on the label, in addition to that required by this chapter:

(A) Name, address and telephone number of the pharmacy;

(B) Prescription number;

(C) Name of the patient;

(D) Name of the practitioner;

(E) Directions for use;

(F) Date dispensed;

(G) Initials of dispensing pharmacist;

(H) Accessory cautionary labels for patient safety; and

(I) Quantity of medication.

(vi) All unit of use packaging dispensed by a retail pharmacy to residents of long-term care facilities, as defined in Chapter 15 of these rules, as well as prescription drugs dispensed from hospital emergency room departments, as described in Chapter 12 of these rules, shall be labeled with the product's physical description, including any identification code that may appear on the tablets and capsules.

**Section 8.** Child-Resistant Packaging.

(a) The Consumer Product Safety Commission enforces the Poison Prevention Packaging Act (PPPA), which requires that all prescription medication shall be dispensed in child-resistant packaging.

(b) Unless the prescription drug is expressly exempted from the federal regulations, the drug must be dispensed in a child-resistant package. Exceptions to this requirement do exist as follows:

(i) The purchaser may request either a one-time or a blanket waiver from the requirement. A one-time request shall be documented on the prescription or patient profile records by the pharmacist; or

(ii) The practitioner, at the request of the patient, may request a one-time waiver. However, the practitioner cannot request a blanket waiver.

(c) Child-resistant prescription containers cannot be reused for refills of prescriptions. However, glass containers may be reused, provided that a new safety closure is used.

**Section 9.** Record of Refills.

(a) The following information shall be recorded in a readily retrievable manner when a prescription is filled: date refilled, quantity, and pharmacist's initials. If a refill was not authorized on the original prescription or, if no refills remain, the pharmacist may contact the prescriber to obtain a new prescription. If authorization is obtained, the name of the practitioner authorizing the prescription and, if applicable, the name of the agent transmitting the prescription, must be recorded, as well as the number of refills authorized.

(b) Both the supervising pharmacist and the intern must initial any prescription or prescription refilled by the intern.

**Section 10.** Practitioner/Patient Relationship as Affecting Prescriptions.

(a) Upon learning that a practitioner/patient relationship has been terminated for reasons other than discharge of the patient by the practitioner, a pharmacist utilizing his/her professional judgment may honor a patient's request for remaining medication refills, for a period of not exceeding twelve (12) months.

(b) It shall be unprofessional conduct for a resident or non-resident pharmacy, or pharmacist, to dispense, sell or offer to sell prescription drugs to persons located within this State, or any other state, on the basis of a prescription generated solely through an internet practitioner consultation questionnaire. All pharmacies or pharmacists included in this section are prohibited from linking an internet site with or relating a site, to any other site, business or practitioner that provides prescriptions for medications solely on the basis on an internet practitioner consultation questionnaire.

**Section 11.** Return of Unused Prescription Drugs.

(a) A pharmacist may:

(i) Accept and redistribute an unused prescription drug under the Wyoming Drug Donation Program Act, W.S. § 35-7-1601 et seq or its rules; or

(ii) Accept and redistribute any unused prescription drug, or a part of it, after it has left the premises of the pharmacy if:

(A) The drug was intended for inpatients of an institutional facility and has been maintained in the custody and control of the institutional facility or dispensing pharmacy;

(B) The drug was returned to the original dispensing pharmacy;

(C) The drug is in a single unit dose or unit of use package or in the manufacturer's sealed container;

(D) In the professional judgment of the PIC of the pharmacy, the safety and efficacy of the drug has not been compromised during transportation and storage;

(E) A system is in place to track the restocked drug for purposes of a recall; and

(F) Accepting and redistributing of the drug complies with state and federal law.

(iii) Accept those prescription drugs that were dispensed in a manner inconsistent with the prescriber's instructions for quarantine and destruction as allowed by state and federal law.

**Section 12.** Validity of Prescriptions.

A prescription written outside the scope of practice of the prescribing practitioner shall not be considered a valid prescription.

**Section 13.** Prescriptions in General.

(a) To be valid, the prescription, as defined in W.S. § 33-24-136(b), shall contain the following information:

(i) Name of patient;

(ii) Name and strength of drug;

(iii) Quantity to be dispensed;

(iv) Directions for using the drug;

(v) Date of issuance by practitioner;

(vi) Recognizable signature of the practitioner. The signature can be digital or electronic as defined in this chapter;

(vii) Prescriptions for controlled substances shall indicate the DEA number and address of the prescribing practitioner and address of the patient; and

(viii) In the case of a verbal order, the name of the authorized agent if conveyed by other than the prescribing practitioner.

(b) All verbal orders shall be recorded on a written or electronic prescription memorandum and filed, in accordance with W.S. § 33-24-136(a).

(c) Prescriptions may be transmitted by the pharmacist in written form; verbally, including telephone; fax; and electronic transmission. Schedule II controlled substance prescriptions may be transmitted by fax if they meet the conditions as outlined in this chapter. Controlled substance prescriptions may be transmitted electronically only to the extent allowed by federal and state law.

(d) Prescriptions received from out-of-state practitioners are valid only to the extent a practitioner licensed in Wyoming may prescribe that medication in Wyoming.

(e) The patient shall have the exclusive right to freedom of choice for any pharmacy to dispense prescription orders. No collaborative practice agreement between prescriber and pharmacy shall require that prescription orders be transmitted from the prescriber to only that pharmacy.

(f) The pharmacist shall be required to determine the accuracy and authenticity of all prescriptions received. Practitioners or their agents shall provide voice verification, when requested by the pharmacist. If refused, the prescription shall not be filled.

**Section 14.** Transmission of Prescription by Fax Machines.

(a) Prescriptions transmitted by fax shall include the following:

(i) Practitioner's recognizable signature;

(ii) A notation that this is a fax prescription;

(iii) Telephone number and fax number of the practitioner;

(iv) Name, address, telephone number and fax number of the pharmacy to which the prescription is being faxed;

(v) Date and time of fax; and

(vi) Name of the individual acting as the practitioner's agent if other than the practitioner.

(b) The originating fax prescription shall be put into the practitioner's patient file. It shall not be given to the patient.



(c) All fax machines used in transmitting prescriptions shall be programmed with a fax identification number so that the document received will show the sender's fax identification number.

(d) The fax machine for any receiving pharmacy shall be in the prescription department to protect patient confidentiality and shall utilize non-fading paper.

(e) Prescriptions for Schedules III, IV and V controlled substances may be transmitted by fax. Schedule II controlled substance prescriptions may be transmitted by fax if the Schedule II controlled substance prescription meets one of the following conditions:

(i) A prescription written for a Schedule II controlled substance to be compounded for the direct administration to a patient by parenteral, intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous or intraspinal infusion;

(ii) A prescription written for a Schedule II controlled substance for a resident of a long-term care facility; or

(iii) A prescription written for a Schedule II controlled substance for a "terminally ill" patient. The pharmacist shall so annotate a faxed Schedule prescription as being for a "terminally ill" patient.

(f) The fax copy received by the pharmacist shall be deemed the original prescription order and shall be maintained as required by statute.

(g) A faxed prescription may be dispensed only by the pharmacy receiving the fax.

**Section 15.** Prescription Refill Information.

(a) Prescription refill permission may be obtained in written fax or electronic form, or by verbal verification.

(b) If prescription refill authorization is obtained by fax, the authorizing practitioner shall initial the document. All other requirements for valid prescriptions shall apply, including the pharmacist's responsibility to determine authenticity of information obtained by fax.

**Section 16.** Fax Machines in General.

Using fax equipment to circumvent documentation, authenticity, verification or other standards of pharmacy practice shall be considered unprofessional conduct.

**Section 17. Therapeutic Equivalents.**

(a) Therapeutic equivalents do not include therapeutic substitutions. Therapeutic equivalent is defined in W.S. § 33-24-147(a)(v). Therapeutic substitution is that class of drug having the same or similar action, but not the identical composition.

(b) Pharmaceuticals that are considered to be therapeutic substitution instead of generic substitution shall not be used by retail/non-resident pharmacies. An institutional pharmacy using a formulary may reach a written agreement with members of the medical staff under which therapeutic substitution is permitted for use of formulary drugs.

**Section 18. Fees** (including examination, re-examination, license, license renewal, registration, registration renewal, mailing list and late fees).

(a) The Board shall charge the following fees:

(i) Pharmacist licensure by examination or re-examination shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) paid to the Board, plus the NABP fee for the NAPLEX® and the MPJE® paid to NABP;

(ii) Pharmacist licensure by reciprocity shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00) paid to the Board plus the NABP fee for licensure transfer application and the MPJE® paid to NABP;

(iii) Pharmacist licensure renewal shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year;

(iv) Pharmacy intern licensure shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and shall be renewed annually by September 30. Renewal fee shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00);

(v) Pharmacy technician licensure fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00);

(vi) Pharmacy technician-in-training permit shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00);

(vii) Pharmacy technician renewal fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year;

(viii) Resident retail pharmacy license and renewals shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per year;

(ix) Non-resident pharmacy license and renewals shall be three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year;

(x) A prescription drug manufacturer, distributor, reverse distributor, or wholesaler license and renewals shall be two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) per year;

(xi) Medical oxygen manufacturer or distributor license and renewals shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year;

(xii) Outsourcing facilities license and renewals shall be three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year;

(xiii) Third party logistics provider license and renewals shall be two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) per year;

(xiv) Wholesale distributors of prescription drugs for non-human use license and renewals shall be two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) per year;

(xv) Methamphetamine precursor retail distributor license and renewals shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year;

(xvi) Ancillary drug supply permit and renewals shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year;

(xvii) Institutional pharmacy license and renewals shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per year;

(xviii) The Board shall charge a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) fee for preparing and sending mailing lists of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy interns pharmacy technicians-in-training, pharmacies, controlled substance registrants and drug distributors. Each list shall constitute a separate mailing list. Federal and state agencies shall be exempt from payment of fees for mailing lists;

(xix) The Board shall charge a thirty-five dollar (\$35.00) fee to verify the license of any non-resident pharmacy, manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler or reverse distributor; and

(xx) Duplicate licenses may be issued upon request when a licensee's name changes or the license becomes damaged or destroyed. There shall be a twenty five dollar (\$25.00) fee charged for the duplicate license.

(b) The Board shall assess a late fee, in addition to the license or registration renewal fee, of licenses or registrants, as follows:

(i) A pharmacist whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after December 31 shall be assessed a late fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(ii) A pharmacy intern whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after September 30 shall be assessed a late fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(iii) A pharmacy technician whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after December 31 shall be assessed a late fee of thirty five dollars (\$35.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(iv) A resident pharmacy whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(v) A non-resident pharmacy whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(vi) A manufacturer, distributor, or wholesaler of prescription drug products (drugs or oxygen) whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(vii) A medical oxygen distributor whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(viii) An outsourcing facility whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(ix) A third party logistics provider whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(x) A wholesale distributor of prescription drugs for non-human use whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00); and

(xi) An institutional pharmacy whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in addition to the license renewal fee.

**Section 19.** Ancillary Drug Supply for Nursing Homes Hospices, Extended Care Facilities or Intermediate Care Facilities.

(a) Nursing homes, hospices, extended care facilities, or intermediate care facilities licensed by the Wyoming Department of Health may be issued a permit by the Board to maintain an ancillary supply of drugs, both scheduled and non-scheduled subject to approval by the Board. The drugs maintained in the ancillary drug supply shall remain the property of the pharmacy to which the permit was jointly issued.

(i) The pharmacy servicing the facility or facilities listed in this chapter shall make application to the Board, on an application form provided by the Board. The Board may issue a permit, if the conditions of this section are met, in the name of the facility and the pharmacy authorizing the storage and use of an ancillary drug supply at the facility. This registration shall be valid until June 30 of each year. The permit must be renewed annually.

(ii) The fee for the permit shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) annually; and

(iii) The permit may be revoked by the Board, if conditions as outlined in this Section are not followed, or for other violations of the Wyoming Pharmacy Act or Wyoming Controlled Substances Act or Rules promulgated under said Acts.

(b) The ancillary drug supply shall be kept in a tamper-evident, sealed and secured container or secured automated dispensing device and used for:

(i) An emergency situation;

(ii) To temporarily replace unavailable medications; or

(iii) As a starter dose for the purpose of starting the initial therapy for a patient residing in a facility.

(c) The facility and the pharmacy servicing the facility shall develop and implement written policies and procedures to ensure safety, accuracy, accountability, security, resident confidentiality and maintenance of the quality, potency and purity of the ancillary drug supply, including the formulary.

(i) Copies of the most recent drug supply policy and procedure manual shall be on file at both the facility and the pharmacy servicing the facility.

(ii) The ancillary drug supply policy and procedure manual shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Consultant Pharmacist of the facility and the facility's Director of Nursing.

(d) The ancillary drug supply stored in an automated dispensing device shall only be stocked and restocked by a pharmacist licensed by this Board or a registered pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern under his or her supervision.

(e) Drugs administered from the ancillary drug supply shall be limited to the following:

(i) A legend drug order given by the practitioner to a nurse for administration to a resident of a facility. Enough medication may be taken to cover dosing for ninety-six (96) hours or less, until the next scheduled delivery from the pharmacy. The pharmacist must be notified of the removal of medication within forty-eight (48) hours, to

review the practitioner's order and resident's profile for potential contraindications and adverse drug reactions; and

(ii) Removal of any controlled substance can only be done after the pharmacist has received an order from the practitioner or verified that a prescription exists. No controlled substance can be removed from the ancillary box until the pharmacist grants access.

(f) If the pharmacy servicing the facility discontinues its service, the Board must be notified and the permit surrendered. If the new pharmacy provider desires to maintain an ancillary drug supply, the new pharmacy provider must make application to the Board.

(g) Facilities described in this section are if the pharmacy providing their ancillary drug supply is physically located at the same site as the facility and this pharmacy possesses a DEA registration and is licensed by the Board.

**Section 20.** Electronic Prescription Transmission.

(a) Prescriptions of electronic transmission shall fulfill these requirements to be valid:

(i) Be transmitted to a licensed pharmacy of the patient's choice, exactly as transmitted by the prescribing practitioner or designated agent;

(ii) Identify the transmitter's telephone number for verbal confirmation of the time and date of transmission and the identity of the pharmacy intended to receive the transmission, as well as any other information required by federal or state laws and regulations;

(iii) Be transmitted by an authorized practitioner using a digital or an electronic signature unique to the practitioner, if the transmission is from computer to computer or from computer to fax machine; and

(iv) The electronic transmission shall be deemed the original prescription drug order, provided it is readily retrievable through the pharmacy computer system and meets those requirements outlined in W.S. § 33-24-136. The electronic transmission shall be maintained for two (2) years from the date of last dispensing.

(b) The pharmacist shall exercise professional judgment regarding the accuracy, validity and authenticity of the prescription communicated by electronic transmission consistent with existing federal or state laws and regulations;

(c) All electronic equipment for receipt of prescriptions communicated by way of electronic transmission shall be maintained to prevent unauthorized access;

(d) Hard copy prescriptions presented to the patient that are generated from electronic media utilizing an electronic signature shall be applied to paper that utilizes security



features that will ensure that the prescription is not subject to any form of copying or alterations;

(e) Prescriptions may be transmitted by fax to fax, as allowed in this chapter;

(f) Prescriptions submitted by electronic transmission shall include all the features listed in this chapter;

(g) Electronic prescriptions for controlled substances shall include the requirements of 21 CFR § 1311.10, including:

(i) The practitioner may issue a prescription for a Schedule II, III, IV or V controlled substance electronically if an electronic prescription application is used that has been certified by a third party auditor to ensure that the electronic prescription application records, stores and transmits the prescription accurately and consistently and that the individual practitioner has obtained a two-factor authentication credential for signing;

(ii) The electronic prescription application must transmit the electronic prescription as soon as possible after signature by the practitioner and the contents of the prescription must not be altered during transmission between the practitioner and pharmacy; and

(iii) The pharmacy receiving the electronic prescription must determine the third-party certification has found that the pharmacy application accurately and consistently imports, stores and displays the information required for the prescription, including the number of refills and the practitioner's digital signature.

#### **Section 21. Drug Samples.**

It is unprofessional conduct for a licensee in an institutional or a retail pharmacy to distribute or dispense prescription drug samples.

#### **Section 22. Centralized Prescription Processing.**

(a) Definitions specific to this Section:

(i) "Centralized prescription processing," as used in this Section, means the processing by a pharmacy of a request from another pharmacy to refill a prescription drug order or to perform functions such as prospective or retrospective drug use review, claims adjudication, refill authorizations and therapeutic interventions.

(ii) "Dispensing pharmacy," as used in this Section, means a pharmacy that may outsource the processing of a prescription drug order to another pharmacy licensed by the Board.

(iii) “Central fill pharmacy,” as used in this Section, means a pharmacy that processes a prescription drug order that was outsourced by a dispensing pharmacy licensed by the Board.

(iv) “Real-time,” as used in this Section, means the transmission of information through data links so rapid that the information is available to the dispensing pharmacy and requesting pharmacy sites simultaneously.

(b) Minimum requirements:

(i) A dispensing pharmacy may outsource prescription drug order processing to another pharmacy licensed by the Board, provided the pharmacies:

(A) Have the same owner;

(B) Have entered into a written agreement, which complies with federal and state laws and regulations, specifying the services to be provided and the responsibilities and accountabilities of each pharmacy;

(C) Share a real-time database; and

(D) Maintain the original prescription at the dispensing pharmacy for a time period not less than two (2) years from the date last filled or refilled.

(ii) The PIC of the central fill pharmacy shall ensure that:

(A) The pharmacy maintains and uses storage or shipment containers and shipping processes that ensure drug stability and potency. Shipping processes shall include the use of appropriate packaging material or devices that ensure the drug is maintained at a temperature range that will maintain the integrity of the medication throughout the delivery process; and

(B) The dispensed prescriptions are shipped in containers sealed in such a manner as to show evidence of opening or tampering.

(iii) A resident dispensing or central fill pharmacy shall comply with the provisions of W.S. § 33-24-113 and this Section.

(iv) A dispensing or central fill pharmacy dispensing compounded non-sterile or sterile pharmaceuticals shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 13 or Chapter 17 of these rules.

(c) Notifications to patients. A pharmacy that outsources prescription processing to another pharmacy shall:

(i) Notify patients that their prescription may be outsourced to another pharmacy prior to outsourcing the prescription via posted signage, written notification or refill telephone message; and

(ii) If the prescription is delivered to the patient directly by the central fill pharmacy, the pharmacist employed by the central fill pharmacy shall ensure that the patient receives written notice of available counseling. Such notice shall include days and hours of availability, location of pharmacy and a toll-free telephone number the patient may utilize to contact a pharmacist for counseling or to answer questions. Such notice shall be included in each prescription delivery to a patient.

(d) Prescription labeling.

(i) The prescription label shall clearly indicate which pharmacy filled the prescription and which pharmacy dispensed the prescription; and

(ii) The prescription label shall comply with this chapter.

(e) Policies and Procedures. A policy and procedures manual relating to centralized processing shall be maintained at both pharmacies and shall be available for inspection. Each pharmacy is required to maintain only those portions of the policy and procedure manual that relate to that pharmacy's operation. The manual shall:

(i) Outline the responsibilities of each of the pharmacies;

(ii) Include a list of the names, addresses, telephone numbers and all license/registration numbers of the pharmacies involved in centralized prescription processing; and

(iii) Include policies and procedures for:

(A) Notifying patients that their prescription may be outsourced to another pharmacy for centralized prescription processing and providing the name of that pharmacy;

(B) Protecting the confidentiality and integrity of patient information;

(C) Dispensing prescription drug orders when the filled order is not received or the patient comes in before the order is received;

(D) Complying with federal and state laws and regulations;

(E) Operating a continuous quality improvement program for pharmacy services designed to objectively and systematically monitor and evaluate the quality and appropriateness of patient care, pursue opportunities to improve patient care, and resolve identified problems;

(F) Identifying the pharmacist responsible for each aspect of prescription preparation including, but not limited to, the drug regimen review, the initial electronic entry, any changes or modifications to the prescription record or patient profile and the final check of the completed prescription;

(G) Identifying the pharmacist responsible for making the offer to counsel the patients as required by Chapter 9 of these rules; and

(H) Documentation of annual review of the written policies and procedures.

(f) Records.

(i) Records shall be maintained in a real-time electronic database;

(ii) Each pharmacy shall comply with all the laws and rules relating to the maintenance of records and be able to produce an audit trail showing all prescriptions dispensed by the pharmacy and each pharmacist's or technician's involvement in dispensing;

(iii) The dispensing pharmacy shall maintain records which indicate:

(A) The date and time the request for processing was transmitted to the central fill pharmacy; and

(B) The date and time the dispensed prescription was received from the central fill pharmacy by the dispensing pharmacy, including the method of delivery (e.g., private, common or contract carrier) and the name of the person accepting delivery unless shipped directly to the patient.

(iv) The central fill pharmacy shall maintain records which indicate the date the prescription was shipped to the dispensing pharmacy or patient.

**Section 23.** Automated Storage and Distribution Systems.

(a) Before using an automated storage and distribution system, a PIC shall ensure that the automated storage and distribution system and the policies and procedures comply with this chapter.

(b) The PIC shall establish policies and procedures for appropriate performance and use of the automated storage and distribution system that:

(i) Ensure that the automated storage and distribution system is in good working order while maintaining appropriate recordkeeping and security safeguards. This is to include the ability to store at the required temperature;

(ii) Ensure that an automated storage and distribution system used by a pharmacy that allows access to drug or devices by a patient:

(A) Only allows patient access to prescriptions that:

(I) Do not require an offer to counsel by a pharmacist as specified in W.S. § 33-24-136(c);

(II) Are properly labeled and verified by a pharmacist before placement into the automated storage and distribution system and subsequent release to patients; and

(III) Are not a Schedule II controlled substance under the Wyoming Controlled Substances Act.

(B) Allows a patient to choose whether or not to use the system;

(C) Is located inside a building in a wall of a licensed pharmacy where the pharmacy staff has access to the device from within the pharmacy and patients have access from outside the pharmacy and is attached to the wall in such a manner that prevents unauthorized removal;

(D) Provides a method to identify the patient and only release the identified patient's prescriptions;

(E) Is secure from access and removal of drugs or devices by unauthorized individuals;

(F) Provides a method for a patient to obtain consultation with a pharmacist, if requested by the patient; and

(G) Prevents dispensing of refilled prescriptions, if a pharmacist determines that the patient requires counseling.

(iii) Ensure that an automated storage and distribution system used by a pharmacy that allows access to drugs or devices for the purposes of administration only by authorized licensed personnel based on a valid prescription order or medication order.

(A) Provides for adequate security to prevent unauthorized individuals from accessing or obtaining drugs or devices; and

(B) Ensures the filling, stocking or restocking of all drugs or devices in the system may be done only by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician.

(iv) Implement an ongoing quality assurance program that monitors compliance with the established policies and procedures of the automated storage and distribution system and federal and state law.

(c) The PIC shall:

(i) Ensure the policies and procedures for the performance and use of an automated storage and distribution system are prepared, implemented and complied with;

(ii) Review and document annually and, if necessary, revise the policies and procedures required under this Section; and

(iii) Make the policies and procedures available for employee reference and inspection by the Board within the pharmacy and at any location outside the pharmacy where the automated storage and distribution system is used.

(d) The Board may prohibit a PIC from using an automated storage and distribution system if the pharmacy licensee or the pharmacy licensee's employees do not comply with the requirements of this Section.

**Section 24.** Electronic Records of Prescriptions.

(a) Pursuant to W.S. § 33-24-136, a written or electronic record of a prescription shall be maintained and available for inspection by agents of the Board for a period of two (2) years from the date it is filed, as follows:

(i) The pharmacy system shall ensure the validity and retrievability of the original prescription information;

(ii) A pharmacy shall be authorized to maintain an exact digitized image of the prescription drug order in an electronic record-keeping system;

(iii) Faxed prescriptions received in electronic format may be electronically stored and maintained in a readily retrievable format;

(iv) Electronically transmitted prescriptions may be electronically stored and maintained in a readily retrievable format;

(v) A pharmacy may retain any hard copy prescriptions in numerical or date order; and

(vi) Disposal of the hard copy must be in a secure destruction method to ensure privacy and confidentiality of the contents.

**Section 25.** Drug Disposal Including Controlled Substances.

Information for patients regarding disposal of their personal prescription drugs that are outdated, unusable, or no longer prescribed is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Section 26.** Dangerous Substance List.

Pursuant to W.S. § 33-24-127, the Board adopts the most recent edition and its supplements of section 3.1 "Prescription Drug Product List" of the FDA's *Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations*, as the official listing of Dangerous Substances for the State of Wyoming is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Section 27.** Incorporation by Reference.

(a) Any code, standard, rule or regulation incorporated by reference does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter beyond the applicable date identified in subsection (c) of this section.

(i) The Board has determined that incorporation of the full text in these rules would be cumbersome or inefficient given the length or nature of the rules;

(ii) The incorporation by reference does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter beyond the applicable date identified in subsection (b) of this section; and

The incorporated code, standard, rule or regulation is maintained at Board's office and is available for public inspection and copying at cost at the same location.

(b) Each rule incorporated by reference in these rules is further identified as follows:

(i) The standard incorporated by reference in this section of these rules is "Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations (Orange Book)," 36th Edition, 2016 as existing on January 17, 2017 including amendments adopted by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as of that date. The products in this list have been approved under section 505 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Copies of this standard can be obtained from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Office of Medical Products and Tobacco, center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Office of Generic Drugs, Office of Generic Drug Policy at the following location: [www.fda.gov/Drugs/InformationOnDrugs/ApprovedDrugs/ApprovedDrugProductswithTherapeuticEquivalenceEvaluationsOrangeBook/default.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/InformationOnDrugs/ApprovedDrugs/ApprovedDrugProductswithTherapeuticEquivalenceEvaluationsOrangeBook/default.htm).

(ii) The incorporated standard for disposal of personal prescription drugs is available on the internet at: [www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/EnsuringSafeUseofMedicine/SafeDisposalofMedicines/ucm186187.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/EnsuringSafeUseofMedicine/SafeDisposalofMedicines/ucm186187.htm);

(iii) The incorporated standard for disposal of controlled substances by DEA registrants is available on the internet at [www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/fed\\_regs/rules/2014/2014-20926.pdf](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/fed_regs/rules/2014/2014-20926.pdf); and

(iv) The standard incorporated by reference in these rules is the Federal Register Volume 79, No. 174, Tuesday, September 9, 2014, Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, 21 CFR Parts 1300, 1301, 1304, specifically § 1317.30 through § 1317.95 disposal of Controlled Substances: Final Rule. Copies of this rule can be obtained from the DEA at [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/fed\\_regs/rules/2014/2014-20926.pdf](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/fed_regs/rules/2014/2014-20926.pdf).



## **PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGULATIONS**

### **CHAPTER 10**

#### **Section 1. Authority.**

These rules are promulgated as authorized by the Wyoming Pharmacy Act W.S. § 33-24-101 through -301.

#### **Section 2. Purpose.**

To regulate the practice of pharmacy technicians.

#### **Section 3. Scope.**

Applies to all applicants.

#### **Section 4. Definitions.**

(a) "Pharmacy Technician" means an individual, other than an intern, who performs pharmacy functions under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist.

(b) "Pharmacy Technician-in-Training" means an individual who is registered with the Board to receive on-the-job training in preparation for licensure as a pharmacy technician.

#### **Section 5. Qualifications and Requirements for Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacy Technicians-in-Training.**

- (a) Be at least 18 years of age;
- (b) Complete a background check through the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI);
- (c) Have no history of drug abuse or provide satisfactory evidence of rehabilitation;
- (d) Hold a high school diploma or its equivalent;
- (e) Have completed requirements for registration;
- (f) Wear a name badge with the appropriate designation "Pharmacy Technician" or "Pharmacy Technician-in-Training" at all times when in or near the pharmacy area; and
- (g) Identify themselves as the appropriate level of technician in all telephone conversations while on duty.

**Section 6. Pharmacy Technician-in-Training Registration; Length of Registration Period; Training; Place of Employment; Change of Employment.**

(a) A pharmacy technician-in-training shall apply to the Board for a training permit on an application supplied by the Board and shall pay the fee required before starting on-the-job training. This permit shall be valid for two years from the date of original issuance. It shall not be renewed. The sponsoring pharmacy shall be printed on the technician-in-training permit. A change in sponsoring pharmacy requires immediate submission of a transfer form;

(b) A pharmacy technician-in-training may perform pharmacy functions commensurate with his/her ability to perform those tasks as identified in this Chapter, and then only to the extent allowed by the pharmacist-in-charge (PIC). The pharmacy technician-in-training is considered a trainee. The supervising pharmacist shall not allow the pharmacy technician-in-training to perform any pharmacy function for which the individual has not demonstrated competency; and

(c) A pharmacy technician-in-training may perform pharmacy functions only at the pharmacy location specified on the permit.

**Section 7. Pharmacy Functions for Technicians-in-Training.**

(a) The following are those pharmacy functions a registered pharmacy technician-in-training may perform under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist:

(i) Retail Pharmacy.

(A) Prescription preparation – retrieving the product from stock, counting, pouring, reconstituting, placing product in a prescription container, and affixing the label;

(B) Prescription input – making computer entries for new or refill prescriptions;

(C) Prescription refill authorizations – contacting the practitioner's office and obtaining refill authorizations for any prescription provided there are no changes; and

(D) Restocking emergency drug supply – restocking drugs for those sites where the pharmacy has an emergency drug permit.

(ii) Institutional Pharmacy.

(A) Distributive functions – stocking automated drug dispensing units, floor stock, crash carts, after-hour drug cabinets, sterile solutions and unit dose cart preparation;

- (B) Repackaging unit dose and/or unit of issue packaging;
- (C) Inspections – conducting inspections; and
- (D) Input practitioner medication orders.

**Section 8. Pharmacy Technician Registration; Fees; Licenses.**

(a) Individuals shall apply for pharmacy technician licensure by completing an application supplied by the Board, providing evidence of current certification by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) or National Healthcareer Association (ExCPT) and paying the required fee. The Board reserves the right to require an interview of the applicant prior to a pharmacy technician license being issued;

(b) A pharmacy technician must apply to renew his/her license each year on or before December 31 and submit payment of the required renewal fee. The Board shall assess a late payment fee for any renewal application postmarked or filed after December 31.

(c) If the pharmacy technician fails to renew before December 31, the license expires ten (10) days after a written notice to renew is sent to the holder by certified mail, to the address last recorded for the licensee. An expired license may be restored by the Board upon compliance with this section no later than March 31 following expiration of the license. A pharmacy technician shall not practice in this state with an expired technician license;

(d) A pharmacy technician may petition the Board for reinstatement of an expired license. To be considered for reinstatement, the pharmacy technician must submit the following:

- (i) A letter requesting reinstatement;
- (ii) Payment of annual fees, including late payment fees, for those years which the license was expired up to a maximum of five years;
- (iii) Evidence of current certification by the PTCB or EXCPT; and
- (iv) Proof of continuing pharmacy education for those years the license was expired, up to a maximum of five (5) years.

(e) A pharmacy technician who fails to obtain the required number of continuing education credits may be issued an “inactive” license. A pharmacy technician may not practice in Wyoming with an “inactive” license. An “inactive” license may be converted to “active” status by providing the necessary hours of continuing education credits for those years the license has been “inactive” to a maximum of five (5) years; and

(f) If change of employment or mailing address occurs, the Board shall be notified within 30 days of date of change by the pharmacy technician.

**Section 9. Reinstatement of a Revoked or Suspended Pharmacy Technician License.**

(a) A pharmacy technician whose license has been revoked or suspended by the Board may file an application, on a form supplied by the Board, requesting a hearing to present evidence to show why the license should be reinstated subject to the following:

(i) A pharmacy technician whose license was revoked by the Board may not file an application requesting a hearing until thirty-six (36) months have elapsed from the date the order revoking the pharmacy technician license became final;

(ii) A pharmacy technician whose license was suspended by the Board may not file an application requesting a hearing until one-half (1/2) of the suspension so ordered by the Board has elapsed;

(iii) A pharmacy technician shall submit an application fee of one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00) and pay for the cost of the hearing, if the Board issues an order denying reinstatement. The application fee is nonrefundable;

(iv) The applicant must complete all questions and provide all information requested on the application;

(v) An incomplete application and the accompanying fee will be returned and a hearing date will not be set by the Board; and

(vi) In the application, the pharmacy technician shall authorize any health professional who has examined or treated the applicant to disclose a diagnosis and the reasons for it to the Board and the Board staff.

(b) Applications received by the Board will be reviewed by the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall:

(i) Review the application for completeness. If information or attachments are missing, the application and fee will be returned to the applicant with a letter stating the reason(s) for the rejection; and

(ii) If the application is complete, the Executive Director, in consultation with a Compliance Officer, a member of the Board and the Board's Prosecuting Attorney shall make a decision if the evidence submitted supports reinstatement. The Executive Director will notify the applicant whether the Board staff will support or oppose the request for reinstatement. If not, a hearing for reinstatement shall be scheduled by the Executive Director, if requested by the applicant.

(c) The Executive Director may require the applicant to submit to an examination by a health professional chosen by Board staff. The health professional shall report on the

examination to Board staff and may testify at a hearing on reinstatement. Cost for the examination shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

(d) To be reinstated, a pharmacy technician must prove that he or she has been rehabilitated so that further violation of Wyoming Statutes and Board rules is not likely to occur, and that he or she is competent to function as a pharmacy technician. The Board, as a condition to establish competency, may require successful completion of the PTCB Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination (PTCE) or ExCPT.

#### **Section 10. Pharmacy Functions for Pharmacy Technicians.**

(a) A pharmacy technician may perform the pharmacy functions previously mentioned in this chapter for technicians-in-training, as well as the following:

(i) Compounding – The prescription order shall be reviewed by a pharmacist. The PIC shall certify competency of the pharmacy technician prior to allowing a pharmacy technician to assist the pharmacist in compounding, and annually thereafter. Documentation of the competency shall remain on file at the pharmacy and be available for inspection by the Board for each pharmacy technician, and shall include, but not be limited to, documentation of the following skills:

- Practices;
- (A) Knowledge and understanding of FDA's Good Manufacturing Practices;
  - (B) Weights and measures;
  - (C) Calculations;
  - (D) Use of torsion balance or electronic scales;
  - (E) Knowledge of various techniques utilized to compound products;
  - (F) Labeling requirements;
  - (G) Aseptic technique;
  - (H) Use and maintenance of laminar and/or vertical flow air hood;
  - (I) Knowledge in handling chemotherapeutic agents;
  - (J) Dating requirements; and
  - (K) Record keeping requirements.

(ii) Transfer prescriptions electronically or via facsimile to another pharmacy with consent of the supervising pharmacist.

**Section 11. Pharmacy Functions Not Permitted for all Technician Levels.**

- (a) No pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician-in-training shall:
  - (i) Receive a new prescription order verbally from a prescriber or other person authorized by law;
  - (ii) Perform evaluations an interpretations or a prescription and obtain any needed clinical clarifications prior to filling;
  - (iii) Review an analyze any clinical data in a patient's medication record;
  - (iv) Perform professional consultation with any prescriber, nurse, other health care professional or any patient/customer;
  - (v) Make the offer to counsel; and
  - (vi) Counsel.

**Section 12. Pharmacy Technician or Pharmacy Technician-in-Training Pharmacy Functions When a Pharmacist is Absent.**

- (a) When no pharmacist is in the pharmacy, but at least one supervising pharmacist remains in the building, the pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician-in-training may perform functions as outlined in this Chapter, provided no prescription product leaves the pharmacy until the pharmacist returns and authorizes the release;
- (b) When no supervising pharmacist is in the building, a retail pharmacy may not remain open, and staff may not remain in the pharmacy;
- (c) An institutional pharmacy may not remain open. A pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician-in-training may remain in the pharmacy, but may not perform pharmacy functions. If a drug needs to be removed from the pharmacy, those procedures as outlined in Chapter 12 shall be followed; and
- (d) Where there are two or more pharmacists working in a pharmacy, the pharmacy may remain open if a pharmacist leaves the building as long as at least one pharmacist remains in the pharmacy. However, the number of pharmacy technicians or pharmacy technicians-in-training present in the pharmacy may not exceed the 3 to 1 ratio.

**Section 13. Pharmacy Technician Continuing Education Requirements.**

- (a) Every pharmacy technician seeking renewal of a pharmacy technician license shall complete, during each calendar year, six (6) contact hours of approved continuing pharmacy education programs to be applied to the upcoming renewal year; and

(b) Excel continuing education hours may not be carried forward to subsequent years.

#### **Section 14. Continuing Education Audits.**

(a) The Board shall randomly select submitted renewal applications for verification of reported continuing education contact hours;

(b) The Board shall review records in the NABP database CPE Monitor for compliance with continuing education hours for pharmacy technicians; and

(c) Upon written request by the Board, a pharmacy technician shall provide to the Board copies of certificates of completion for all continuing education contact hours reported during a specified license period. Failure to provide all requested records constitutes prima facie evidence of knowingly false or misleading information to the Board for the renewal of a license and may subject the pharmacy technician to disciplinary action by the Board;

#### **Section 15. Pharmacy Technician Approved Continuing Education Providers.**

(a) Pharmacist supervisor at place of employment, utilizing a format for documentation developed by Board staff;

(b) Continuing education hours approved by the PTCB OR EXCPT;

(c) Continuing education hours approved by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA);

(d) Continuing education hours of providers of continuing education accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE); or

(e) Continuing education hours presented by the Wyoming Pharmacy Association (WPhA).

#### **Section 16. Pharmacist/Technician Employee Ratio.**

A pharmacist is permitted to be a direct supervisor of three (3) pharmacy technicians and/or technicians-in-training who is enrolled with a Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission (PTAC) accredited pharmacy technician training program during required experiential training hours and who possesses a pharmacy technician-in-training permit issued by the Board shall not be included in this ratio.

#### **Section 17. Legal and Professional Responsibilities.**

It shall be considered unprofessional conduct for a pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician-in-training to violate the Wyoming Pharmacy Act or the Wyoming Controlled Substances Act or their rules or regulations.

## STERILE COMPOUNDING

### CHAPTER 17

#### **Section 1.** Authority.

(a) These rules are promulgated as authorized by the Wyoming Pharmacy Act W.S. § 33-24-101 through -301.

#### **Section 2.** Incorporation by Reference:

(a) For any code, standard, rule or regulation incorporated by reference in these rules:

(i) The Board has determined that incorporation of the full text in these rules would be cumbersome or inefficient given the length or nature of the rules;

(ii) The incorporation by reference does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter beyond the applicable date identified in subsection (b) of this section;

(iii) The incorporated code, standard, rule or regulation is maintained at 1712 Carey Avenue, Suite 200, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002 and is available for public inspection and copying at cost at the same location;

(iv) The incorporated code, standard, rule or regulation is available on the internet at <http://pharmacyboard.wyo.gov/>.

(b) Each standard incorporated by reference in these rules is further identified as follows:

(i) The United States Pharmacopeia (USP) General Chapter 797 Pharmaceutical Compounding – Sterile Preparations incorporated by reference in this Chapter of these rules is the USP as existing on July 27, 2018 including amendments adopted by USP as of that date. Copies of this standard can be obtained from the Board at 1712 Carey Avenue, Suite 200, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002.

#### **Section 3.** Purpose.

To reference the minimum standards of practice for sterile compounding.

#### **Section 4.** Scope.

Applies to all licensees.



## **LICENSING OF PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACIES**

### **CHAPTER 19**

#### **Section 1.** Authority.

These regulations are promulgated pursuant to the Wyoming Pharmacy Act W.S. § 33-24-101 through -301.

#### **Section 2.** Purpose.

The purpose of this regulation is to provide the regulations for licensing of pharmacists and pharmacies.

#### **Section 3.** Scope.

This chapter applies to any person, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or other entity seeking licensure as a pharmacist or as a pharmacy providing pharmacy services within this state.

#### **Section 4.** Definitions.

(a) "Foreign pharmacy graduate" means a pharmacist whose undergraduate pharmacy degree was conferred by a recognized school of pharmacy outside of the United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. United States citizens who have completed their pharmacy education outside the United States are foreign pharmacy graduates. Foreign nationals who have graduated from schools in the United States are not foreign pharmacy graduates.

(b) "Institutional facility" means a hospital, convalescent home, nursing home, extended care facility, correctional or penal facility, or any other organization, public or private, which provides a physical environment for patients to obtain medical, surgical, and/or nursing services, except those places where physician, dentists, veterinarians, or other practitioners of the healing arts engage in private office practice.

(c) "Institutional Pharmacy" means a pharmacy where medications are dispensed to other health care professionals for administration to institutionalized patients served by an institutional facility, and which is:

- (i) Located within the institutional facility, or
- (ii) Located outside the institutional facility but only provides pharmacy services to institutionalized patients.

(d) “Non-resident pharmacy” means a licensed pharmacy located outside this State where drugs are dispensed and/or pharmacist care is provided to residents within this state.

(e) “Pharmacy” means an area(s) where drugs are dispensed and/or pharmacist care is provided.

(f) “Registered pharmacist” means an individual currently licensed by this state to engage in the practice of pharmacy.

(g) “Remodeled pharmacy” means an existing retail pharmacy that is relocated to a different address, or a pharmacy that undergoes remodeling at a cost equal to or greater than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).

(h) “Resident retail pharmacy” means a licensed pharmacy located inside this State where drugs are dispensed and/or pharmacist care is provided to residents within this state.

**Section 5. Pharmacist Licensure by Examination.**

(a) The Board shall utilize those standardized examinations as prepared and administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). These standardized examinations shall include the following:

- (i) North American Pharmacist Licensing Examination (NAPLEX®); and
- (ii) Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE®).

(b) Applicants for licensure by examination will be licensed, provided they:

(i) Submit a properly completed “Pharmacist License by Examination” application, as provided by the Board, with the proper fee and fee/fingerprints for a criminal background check. However, any applicant who has on file at the Board office a criminal background history dated within twelve (12) months of the date of application need not resubmit fee/fingerprints for a criminal background history;

- (ii) Pass the NAPLEX® with a minimum score of 75;

(A) Candidates who do not receive a passing grade on the NAPLEX® shall be allowed two (2) retakes, for a total of three (3) examinations.

(B) All retakes require payment of fees plus a forty-five (45) day waiting period, as required by NABP.

- (iii) Pass the MPJE® for Wyoming with a minimum score of 75;

(A) Candidates who do not receive a passing grade on the MPJE® for Wyoming may retake the examination for a maximum of five (5) attempts.

(B) All retakes require payment of fees, plus a thirty (30) day waiting period, as required by NABP.

(iv) Meet the required practical experience requirement of 1,200 internship hours as specified in Chapter 3 of these rules;

(v) Complete all requirements within two (2) years of the date of application to the Board office;

(vi) Meet the requirements of W.S. § 33-24-116; and

(vii) Ensure the Board receives the results of a criminal background history report from the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI).

(c) Applicants who have applied for score transfer of their NAPLEX® examination to Wyoming will be licensed by examination provided they meet the following requirements:

(i) The NAPLEX® score transferred is 75 or more;

(ii) A properly completed “Pharmacist Licensure by Examination” application, as provided by the Board, with the proper fee, has been submitted to the Board office;

(iii) Pass the MPJE® for Wyoming with a minimum score of 75;

(A) Candidates who do not receive a passing grade on the MPJE® for Wyoming may retake the examination for a maximum of five (5) attempts.

(B) All retakes require payment of fees, plus a thirty (30) day waiting period, as required by the NABP.

(iv) The required practical experience requirement of 1,200 internship hours is met, as specified in Chapter 3 of these rules;

(v) All requirements completed within one (1) year of the date of the NAPLEX® examination, which was utilized for the score which was transferred to Wyoming;

(vi) Board receipt of a criminal background history report from the DCI; and

(vii) Meet the requirements of W.S. § 33-24-116.

(d) No candidate will be licensed until the required practical experience, as specified in Chapter 3 of these rules has been met.

(e) Candidates failing to meet all requirements within the time period allowed in this chapter must file a new application, including payment of the fees or, if applicable, seek licensure by license transfer, as outlined in this chapter.

(f) The Board reserves the right to require an interview with any applicant seeking licensure by examination to practice pharmacy in Wyoming.

(g) The Board shall charge fees to cover administrative costs, which shall include one (1) wall certificate and a renewal certificate for the current license year.

(h) Foreign pharmacy graduates, holding a FPGE<sup>®</sup> Certificate issued by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee<sup>®</sup>, may apply for licensure as a pharmacist under this section. To be eligible for FPGE<sup>®</sup> certification, applicants must satisfy the following requirements established by the FPGE<sup>®</sup>:

(i) Provide verification of educational equivalency of an applicant's foreign pharmacy education and the applicant's licensure or registration as a pharmacist outside the United States;

(ii) Pass the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGE<sup>®</sup>);  
and

(iii) Obtain an acceptable score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-based Test (TOEFL<sup>®</sup> iBT), with minimal scores of 21 for listening, 22 for reading, 26 for speaking and 24 for writing.

**Section 6.** Pharmacist Licensure by Reciprocal License Transfer.

(a) Any pharmacist, who is licensed by examination and is in good standing in any state which is a member of the NABP and who desires to be licensed by reciprocity into this state, shall proceed in the manner outlined by the NABP after first submitting the "Preliminary Application for Transfer of Pharmacist Licensure" obtained from the NABP.

(i) All candidates for license transfer shall be required to:

(A) File all appropriate applications with the Board;

(B) Pay the required application fee;

(C) Complete the two (2) fingerprint cards provided by the Board for the criminal background check;

(D) Pay the required criminal background check fee;

(E) Pass the MPJE<sup>®</sup> for Wyoming;

(F) Prove good moral character;

(G) Prove they have been in active pharmacy practice, as defined in this chapter, for the year preceding the date of their application for license transfer. Applicants

failing to show proof must complete an internship in Wyoming approved by the Board of no less than four hundred (400) hours;

(H) Meet all requirements under the Wyoming Pharmacy Act and these rules; and

(I) If applying as a foreign pharmacy graduate, possess a FPGEC® Certificate.

(ii) The Board must receive the applicant's criminal background history report from the DCI before a pharmacist license by transfer will be issued.

(iii) The Board shall not issue a pharmacist license by license transfer until all conditions under this chapter have been met.

(iv) All applications for licensure by reciprocity shall expire one (1) year from date of issue by the NABP.

(v) The Board reserves the right to require an interview with any applicant seeking licensure reciprocity to practice pharmacy in Wyoming.

(vi) In the event of rejecting an application, the fees paid to the Board will not be refunded.

(vii) The Board will accept licensure by reciprocity for pharmacists licensed in California after January 1, 2004.

**Section 7.** Reinstatement of Registered Pharmacist License After Failure to Renew, Returning from Inactive Status, Issuance of Duplicate License.

(a) If a person requests reinstatement of their registered pharmacist license when said license has lapsed only for failure to pay renewal fees, the person shall:

(i) Write a letter requesting consideration of reinstatement;

(ii) Pay all back renewal fees, including annual fines, up to a maximum of five (5) years;

(iii) Provide copies of approved continuing education (CE) certificates for those years the license was lapsed, to a maximum of five (5) years. All CE certificates must be from approved providers;

(iv) Provide at least two (2) recent letters from a pharmacist or a pharmacy owner attesting to good character;

(v) If licensed outside Wyoming, provide a letter from the board of pharmacy in the state where licensed and currently practicing. This letter must state current license status and indicate if the license has been subject to any investigation or disciplinary action by the Board;

(vi) Complete two (2) fingerprint cards, provided by the Board, and include a check made payable to the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to cover the cost of the criminal background history; and

(vii) Provide a notarized employer affidavit attesting to the active practice of pharmacy in the year preceding the date of the application for reinstatement. Active practice requires that the pharmacist work a minimum of four hundred (400) hours during this time period.

(b) Minimum competency for an inactive pharmacist shall be established to the satisfaction of the Board. When a registered pharmacist has been out of the practice of pharmacy for an extended period of time and wishes to reactivate that license, the Board shall determine on an individual basis the requirements needed to reactivate that license. The requirements may include the following:

(i) Pass a jurisprudence examination;

(ii) Internship under direct supervision. The internship period may vary depending upon how long the individual was out of practice; or

(iii) Board interview.

**Section 8.** Reinstatement of a Revoked or Suspended Pharmacist or Pharmacy Technician License.

(a) A pharmacist or pharmacy technician whose license has been revoked or suspended by the Board may file an application, on a form supplied by the Board, requesting a hearing to present evidence to show why the license should be reinstated subject to the following:

(i) A pharmacist or pharmacy technician whose license was revoked by the Board may not file an application requesting a hearing until thirty-six (36) months have elapsed from the date the order revoking the pharmacist or pharmacy technician license became final;

(ii) A pharmacist or pharmacy technician whose license was suspended by the Board may not file an application requesting a hearing until one-half (1/2) of the suspension so ordered by the Board has elapsed;

(iii) A pharmacist shall submit an application fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and pay for the cost of the hearing, if the Board issues an order denying reinstatement. The application fee is nonrefundable;

(iv) A pharmacy technician shall submit an application fee of one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00) and pay for the cost of the hearing, if the Board issues an order denying reinstatement. The application fee is nonrefundable;

(v) The applicant must complete all questions and provide all information requested on the application;

(vi) An incomplete application and the accompanying fee will be returned and a hearing date will not be set by the Board; and

(vii) In the application, the pharmacist or pharmacy technician shall authorize any health professional who has examined or treated the applicant to disclose a diagnosis and the reasons for it to the Board and the Board staff.

(b) Applications received by the Board will be reviewed by the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall:

(i) Review the application for completeness. If information or attachments are missing, the application and fee will be returned to the applicant with a letter stating the reason(s) for the rejection; and

(ii) If the application is complete, the Executive Director, in consultation with a Compliance Officer, a member of the Board and the Board's Prosecuting Attorney shall make a decision if the evidence submitted supports reinstatement. The Executive Director will notify the applicant whether the Board staff will support or oppose the request for reinstatement. If not, a hearing for reinstatement shall be scheduled by the Executive Director, if requested by the applicant.

(c) The Executive Director may require the applicant to submit to an examination by a health professional chosen by Board staff. The health professional shall report on the examination to Board staff and may testify at a hearing on reinstatement. Cost for the examination shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

(d) To be reinstated, a pharmacist must prove that he or she has been rehabilitated so that further violation of Wyoming Statutes and Board rules is not likely to occur, and that he or she is competent to practice pharmacy. The Board may, as a condition to establish competency, require successful completion of one or more of the following:

(i) The NAPLEX® with a minimum score of 75;

(ii) The MPJE® with a minimum score of 75; or

(iii) An internship, not to exceed 1,200 hours, as prescribed by the Board.

(e) To be reinstated, a pharmacy technician must prove that he or she has been rehabilitated so that further violation of Wyoming Statutes and Board rules is not likely to

occur, and that he or she is competent to function as a pharmacy technician. The Board, as a condition to establish competency, may require successful completion of the PTCB Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination.

**Section 9.**      Licensing of Facilities.

(a)      Prior to the issuing of the registration to operate a pharmacy or prescription department in Wyoming, the Board will inspect the pharmacy for minimum standards including space, fixtures, sanitation, reference library, technical equipment and security. The application will include the number of hours the pharmacy will be in operation per week.

(b)      The facility application shall list the names of all licensed pharmacists employed, specifically identifying the Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC). The PIC determines which employees shall have access to the pharmacy.

(c)      The Board shall be notified within seven (7) days of every change in PIC. A controlled substance inventory is required when there is a change in PIC, at the time of the change. This inventory shall include the signatures of both the outgoing and incoming PIC, and the date and time the inventory was taken. If the inventory cannot be conducted with both pharmacists, then the incoming PIC shall conduct an inventory. A copy of the controlled substance inventory and signed Certification of Responsibilities as Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) shall be forwarded to the Board office within fifteen (15) days of conducting the inventory.

(d)      When a pharmacy changes ownership, the original license becomes void and a new license must be secured by the new owner or owners. A new license is required even if there is no change in the name of the pharmacy or in the registered PIC of the pharmacy.

(e)      In the case of a corporation, limited liability company or partnership holding a pharmacy license, the Board shall be notified and a new license applied for any time the majority of stock in the corporation is sold or a majority of the partners of the partnership or members of the limited liability company change. This shall constitute new ownership. Requirements for the change of ownership are the same as outlined in this section.

(f)      A pharmacy license registers the pharmacy to which it is issued only at the location specified on the application and is not transferable.

(g)      The Board shall be notified in writing at least thirty (30) days before a pharmacy change of address. The new location shall be inspected by the Board prior to issuance of an amended pharmacy license for the new location. The new location must meet all requirements for a new or remodeled pharmacy, as noted in this chapter.

(h)      All licenses and certificates issued by the Board shall be displayed in a prominent place in the facility and always in view of the public.

(i)      Resident Pharmacy Licenses shall indicate "Institutional" or "Retail."



**Section 10.** Minimum Structural and Equipment Requirements to Operate a Retail Pharmacy.

(a) All retail pharmacies operating in this State must meet the following requirements:

(i) The pharmacy shall include a sink with a hot and cold water supply, exclusive of restroom facilities, with adequate sewage disposal;

(ii) The pharmacy shall be properly lighted and ventilated. The temperature of the pharmacy shall be maintained within a range compatible with the proper storage of pharmaceuticals;

(iii) The pharmacy shall have adequate shelving; there shall be adequate counter space; the working surface shall be kept clear and uncluttered at all times for the preparation or compounding of prescriptions to meet the requirements of the pharmacy. Any pharmacy where compounding prescriptions occurs must meet the structural and equipment requirements identified in Chapter 13 of these rules;

(iv) A fax machine or similar electronic equipment capable of producing an identical document shall be located in the pharmacy;

(v) A separate refrigerator located in the pharmacy, with sufficient capacity to serve the needs of the pharmacy, equipped with a thermometer which provides a storage temperature of 36-46 degrees Fahrenheit (2-8 degrees Centigrade). The use of such refrigerator shall be limited to the storage of drugs. If a freezer compartment is utilized, it must maintain a temperature of -13 to 14 degrees Fahrenheit (-20 to -10 degrees Centigrade);

(vi) Class A prescription balance or electronic scale with 10 mg sensitivity if the pharmacy participates in compounding. Pharmacies that do not compound or do not dispense are not required to obtain or maintain a prescription balance or electronic scale;

(vii) A professional reference library (text or electronic format) that shall include the following:

(A) Current Wyoming pharmacy laws;

(B) Current edition of *Facts and Comparisons* or a comparable reference accepted by the Board;

(C) Current drug interaction text that provides, at a minimum, quarterly updates;

(D) Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy quarterly newsletter by access to the Board website; and

(E) The current edition (as incorporated by reference in this Chapter), with supplements, of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) “Orange Book” or an alternate reference that provides the same information as the FDA “Orange Book.” Proven access to the Board website link to the Orange Book meets this requirement.

(viii) Pharmacies must maintain adequate security to deter theft of drugs by personnel or public. Security requirements for new or remodeled pharmacies must meet the requirements of this chapter. No person other than the pharmacist, intern or technician employed by the pharmacy shall be permitted in the pharmacy without the express consent of the PIC. If the pharmacy is located in a facility in which the public has access and the pharmacy’s hours of operation are different from the rest of the facility, the pharmacy must be designed so that it can be securely locked and made inaccessible when the pharmacy is not open;

(ix) The pharmacy shall be arranged in an orderly fashion and kept clean. All required equipment shall be clean and in good operating condition;

(x) If automated counting devices are utilized, the pharmacy shall have a method to calibrate and verify the accuracy of the automated counting device and shall verify the accuracy and document doing so on a quarterly basis;

(xi) Consecutive numbering of all prescriptions must be maintained, along with appropriate printing equipment to product prescription drug labels; and

(xii) In addition to the requirements identified in this chapter, all pharmacies involved in the preparation of sterile compounded products must meet the requirements of Chapter 17 of these rules.

(b) In addition to the requirements of this chapter, except for a change of ownership of an existing pharmacy, an individual or business who opens a new pharmacy or remodels an existing retail pharmacy shall provide to the Board staff no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to commencing construction or remodeling the pharmacy, a set of blueprints or other acceptable documents, which indicate the physical layout of the planned or remodeled pharmacy.

(c) The proposed new pharmacy or pharmacy to be remodeled shall meet the following minimum standards:

(i) The pharmacy shall consist of no less than 500 square feet;

(ii) The pharmacy shall include an identified counseling area, which is apart from the cash register, apart from the prescription “pick up” area, and offers sufficient privacy for counseling. A separation of three (3) feet is the minimum space between patients to allow for privacy during counseling. Pharmacies that do not provide prescription services to “Walk-in” customers are not required to have a counseling area;

(iii) Located within the pharmacy, but not counted in the square footage requirements of the pharmacy, shall be restroom facilities, access to which shall be limited to pharmacy staff;

(iv) Access to the pharmacy shall be secured as follows:

(A) If the pharmacy is located within another business, which does not have identical hours of operation, the pharmacy shall be secured with solid core or metal doors with a deadbolt and a locking doorknob. If glassed areas are utilized, then adequate intrusion detectors must be in place. Pharmacy walls must extend to the roof or provide security acceptable to the Board. The pharmacy shall meet all other applicable federal or state regulations concerning security access.

(B) Those pharmacies not included in (A) shall be secured with solid core, metal or safety glass exterior doors secured with a deadbolt, and must utilize an adequate intrusion detector. If the pharmacy shares a common wall with another business, this wall must extend to the roof. The pharmacy shall meet all other applicable federal or state regulations concerning security access.

(v) A separate refrigerator, sufficient in capacity to serve the needs of the pharmacy staff, shall be available for storage of employees' food or beverage. This refrigerator shall be identified for "Employee Use Only"; and

(vi) All prescription data shall be processed utilizing electronic data processing equipment and shall be sequentially numbered. There shall be adequate computer terminals and printers available to process anticipated prescription volume for the new or remodeled pharmacy.

(d) Upon written request, and for good cause, the Board may waive any of the requirements of this chapter. A waiver that is granted under this section shall only be effective when issued by the Board in writing.

(e) For a change in ownership of a retail or institutional pharmacy, the Board shall be notified at least twenty-one (21) days before the change.

**Section 11.** Specific Requirements for Licensure of Non-Resident Pharmacies to Ship Prescription Drugs into the State.

(a) Any pharmacy operating from outside this State that ships, mails or delivers, in any manner, a dispensed prescription drug or legend drug to a patient in this State shall obtain and hold a non-resident pharmacy license and, if applicable, a controlled substance registration.

(b) Said pharmacy license and controlled substance application shall be on forms supplied by the Board staff and shall be accompanied by the following information:

- (i) A copy of the pharmacy license from the state of residence;
  - (ii) A copy of the latest inspection report from the state of residence;
  - (iii) A copy of current DEA registration;
  - (iv) A list of partners, members, or principal officers and registered agent for service of process, if any; and
  - (v) A list of all registered pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, specifying the PIC.
- (c) Pharmacy license and controlled substance registrations shall be renewed annually by July 1.
- (d) The Board office shall be notified of any change in ownership or PIC within thirty (30) days.
- (e) Each non-resident pharmacy shall comply with statutory or regulatory requirements of the Board including, but not limited to, the “Wyoming Drug Identification Act” (W.S. § 33-24-201 through 204) and the “Wyoming Generic Substitution Act” (W.S. § 33-24-146 through -151).
- (f) Each non-resident pharmacy shall maintain records of all prescriptions dispensed to patients in the State in readily retrievable form.
- (g) Each non-resident pharmacy shall maintain pharmacy hours that permit the timely dispensing of prescriptions to patients in this State and provide a toll-free telephone service to facilitate communication between patients in this State and a pharmacist who has access to patient records.
- (h) Counseling shall be accomplished on new prescriptions either verbally or by written information accompanying the dispensed prescription.
- (i) The Board may revoke, deny, or suspend the license and registration of any non-resident pharmacy for violations of W.S. § 33-24-152 and this chapter.

**Section 12.** Resident Retail Pharmacy Closure or Change of Ownership.

- (a) Resident Retail Pharmacy Closure. Not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to a resident retail pharmacy, licensed by the Board, permanently ceasing operation, the Board shall receive written notice of the following:
- (i) The last day the retail pharmacy will be open for business;

(ii) The proposed disposition of all prescription files, both hard copy and electronic records;

(iii) The proposed disposition of all prescription drug inventory, including controlled and non-controlled prescription drug products;

(iv) The proposed method of communicating to the public the last day the pharmacy will be open for business, the location of prescription records after the pharmacy closes, and how the patients can arrange for transfer of their prescription records to a pharmacy of their choice. Included in this communication shall be a description of the method of transfer of prescription records, including the last day a transfer may be made from the pharmacy closing and the initial date the prescription may be transferred from the pharmacy that acquired the prescription records. Communication to the public must begin no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the last day the pharmacy will be open for business;

(v) If prescription records are not transferred to another pharmacy, the name, address and telephone number of the custodian of prescription records must be provided. Prescription records must be maintained for two (2) years from the date of closure;

(vi) The scheduled date to have all signage removed from the exterior and interior of the building that includes the wording “drug,” “pharmacy,” “drugstore,” “Rx,” “Apothecary” or other terms or symbols that might indicate or signify by any advertising medium that such an establishment is a licensed pharmacy;

(vii) The name, address and telephone number of the custodian of records for the following documents, which must be maintained for two (2) years from the date of closure:

(A) Completed DEA 222 forms or retrievable electronic equivalent;

(B) Invoices for purchases of Schedule III, IV and V controlled substances; and

(C) Patient signature logs.

(viii) The date the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) was contacted regarding the closure and that all invoices and DEA 222 forms referencing the sale of controlled substances at closure, blank DEA 222 forms, and the DEA registration certificate were returned to the regional DEA office;

(ix) At the close of business on the last day the retail pharmacy is open for business, a controlled substance inventory, including all Schedule II, III, IV and V controlled substances, shall be taken. This inventory shall be dated and signed by the PIC. A copy shall be provided to the Board;

(x) An inspection of the pharmacy shall be conducted by the Board after the retail pharmacy has closed for business and all prescription drug stock has been removed. At the time of inspection, the following documents shall be provided to the Compliance Officer:

- (A) A copy of the final controlled substance inventory;
- (B) Documentation, as noted in this chapter, regarding notification to the public of the closure of the retail pharmacy;
- (C) The Wyoming retail pharmacy license;
- (D) Documentation of the transfer of all prescription drug inventory (controlled and non-controlled) to a third party authorized to have such possession of inventory. Under no circumstance may prescription drug inventory remain in the possession of a person or business not authorized by law to have possession; and
- (E) Any changes to information previously provided to the Board as required in this chapter.

(xi) It is unprofessional conduct for a retail pharmacy to close in a manner other than that prescribed in this chapter; and

(xii) If a retail pharmacy purchases the patient prescription records (electronic and hard copy prescription), those records shall be maintained by the acquiring retail pharmacy for a minimum of two (2) years from the date of closure.

(b) Resident Retail Pharmacy Change of Ownership. When a change of ownership necessitates a change of DEA registration number, the following is required:

(i) Not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to a resident retail pharmacy, licensed by the Board, changing ownership, without closing, the Board shall receive written notice of the following:

- (A) The last day the seller will have ownership of the retail pharmacy;
- (B) The proposed disposition of all prescription files, including both hard copy and electronic records;
- (C) The proposed transfer of the prescription drug inventory, including controlled and non-controlled prescription drug products;
- (D) The proposed method of communicating to the public the change in ownership, not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the date the ownership will change;

(E) The name, address and telephone number of the custodian of records for the following documents of the seller, which must be retained for two (2) years from the date of the transfer of ownership:

(I) Completed DEA 222 forms or retrievable electronic equivalent;

(II) Invoice for purchases of Schedule III, IV and V controlled substances; and

(III) Patient signature logs.

(F) The date the DEA was contacted regarding the change of ownership and confirmation that all invoices and DEA 222 forms referencing the sale of controlled substances at closure, blank DEA 222 forms, and the DEA registration certificate were delivered to the regional DEA office.

(ii) At the close of business on the last date the pharmacy is under the prior ownership, a controlled substance inventory, including all Schedule II, III, IV and V controlled substances shall be taken. This inventory shall be dated and signed by the PIC from the prior and the new ownership. A copy shall be provided to the Board;

(iii) An inspection of the pharmacy shall be conducted by the Board after the change in ownership. The following documents shall be provided to the Compliance Officer:

(A) Documentation of the transfer of all controlled and non-controlled prescription drug inventory will be provided to the Board. Under no circumstances may prescription drug inventory remain in the possession of the person or business not authorized to have possession;

(B) The Wyoming retail pharmacy license of the prior owner;

(C) Any changes to information previously provided to the Board as required in this chapter;

(D) Information necessary to process a new Wyoming retail pharmacy license, including information about the new PIC; and

(E) Information necessary to process a new Wyoming controlled substance registration and federal DEA registration.

(iv) It is unprofessional conduct for a retail pharmacy to transfer ownership in a manner other than that prescribed in this chapter.

**Section 13.** Institutional Pharmacy Closure.

(a) Not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to an institutional pharmacy licensed by the Board permanently ceasing operation, the Board shall receive written notice of the following:

(i) The last day the institutional pharmacy will be open for business;

(ii) The proposed disposition of all prescription drug inventory including controlled and non-controlled prescription drug products;

(iii) The name, address and telephone number of the custodian of records for the following documents, which must be maintained for two (2) years from the date of closure:

(A) Completed DEA 222 forms or retrievable electronic equivalent;

(B) Invoices for purchases of Schedule III, IV and V controlled substances; and

(C) Patient specific records.

(iv) The date the DEA was contacted regarding the closure and confirmation that all invoices and DEA 222 forms referencing the sale of controlled substances at closure, blank DEA 222 forms and the DEA registration certificate were delivered to the regional DEA office.

(b) At the close of business on the last day the institutional pharmacy is open for business, a controlled substance inventory, including all Schedule II, III, IV and V controlled substances shall be taken. This inventory shall be dated and signed by the PIC. A copy shall be provided to the Board.

(c) An inspection of the pharmacy shall be conducted by the Board after the institutional pharmacy has closed for business and all prescription drug stock has been removed. At the time of inspection, the following documents shall be provided to the Compliance Officer:

(i) A copy of the final controlled substance inventory;

(ii) The Wyoming institutional pharmacy license;

(iii) Documentation of the transfer of all prescription drug inventory (controlled and non-controlled) to a third party authorized to have such possession of inventory. Under no circumstances may prescription drug inventory remain in the possession of a person or business that is not authorized by law to have possession; and



(iv) Any changes to information previously provided to the Board, as required in this chapter.

(d) It is unprofessional conduct for an institutional pharmacy to close in a manner than that prescribed in this chapter.

## **COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE REGULATIONS**

### **CHAPTER 20**

#### **Section 1.** Authority.

These regulations are promulgated pursuant to the Wyoming Pharmacy Act W.S. § 33-24-101 through -301.

#### **Section 2.** Purpose.

The purpose of this regulation is to regulate the practice of pharmacists who agree to collaborate with practitioners in the care of patients.

#### **Section 3.** Scope.

This chapter applies to any person engaging in the practice of collaborative pharmacy practice within the state.

#### **Section 4.** Definitions.

(a) “Collaborative pharmacy practice” is that practice of pharmacy whereby one or more pharmacists have jointly agreed, on a voluntary basis, to work in conjunction with one or more practitioners under protocol and in collaboration to provide patient care services to achieve optimal medication use and desired patient outcomes.

(b) “Collaborative practice agreement” means a written voluntary agreement, between a pharmacist and a prescribing practitioner that defines a collaborative practice.

#### **Section 5.** Collaborative Pharmacist Care.

(a) A pharmacist planning to engage in collaborative practice shall have on file at the pharmacist’s place of practice a written, signed collaborative practice agreement approved by the Board. This collaborative practice agreement allows the pharmacist, acting within the pharmacist’s collaborative scope of practice, to conduct MTM approved by a prescribing practitioner acting within the scope of the practitioner’s current practice.

(b) The collaborative practice agreement shall include:

(i) The names of the prescribing practitioner and the pharmacist who are parties to the collaborative practice agreement;

(ii) The specific types of MTM decisions that the pharmacist is allowed to make, which shall include:

(A) The types of diseases, drugs or drug categories involved, and the extent of MTM allowed in each case;

(B) The methods, procedures, decision criteria and plan the pharmacist is to follow when conducting MTM; and

(C) The procedures the pharmacist is to follow in the course of conducting MTM, including documentation of decisions and a plan or appropriate mechanism for communication and reporting to the prescribing practitioner concerning specific decisions. Documentation of decisions shall occur in the prescribing practitioner patient medical record. If the medical record is not available at the practice site, a copy of the documentation of decisions will be sent to the prescribing practitioner.

(iii) A method for the prescribing practitioner to monitor compliance with the collaborative practice agreement and clinical outcomes when MTM by the pharmacist has occurred and to intercede when necessary;

(iv) A provision that allows the prescribing practitioner to override the collaborative practice agreement whenever deemed necessary or appropriate;

(v) A provision allowing the practitioner, pharmacist and patient or patient's agent, parent or guardian to cancel the collaborative practice agreement at any time by written notice to all parties. The pharmacist shall retain the original notice of cancellation for two (2) years; and

(vi) The signatures of the pharmacist and prescribing practitioner who are entering into the collaborative practice agreement and the dates when signed.

(c) MTM shall occur only for a particular patient pursuant to a specific written order from the prescribing practitioner. The written order shall conform to the format established by the Board and shall include the following as a minimum:

(i) Patient's name, gender, date of birth, height and weight;

(ii) Allergies;

(iii) Medical diagnosis;

(iv) All current medication(s), including current dosages (including any laboratory test);

(v) Method of communicating information between pharmacist and practitioner;

(vi) Frequency of practitioner follow-up;

(vii) Date the order will be renewed (specific order must be renewed annually); and

(viii) Signatures of the practitioner, pharmacist and patient or the patient's agent, parent or guardian, and date signed.

(d) A pharmacist providing MTM for a patient shall obtain written consent from the patient or the patient's agent, parent or guardian prior to providing this service. MTM shall not be implemented for a particular patient, if the patient or patient's agent, parent or guardian refuses to give written consent after being informed of the responsibility for payment.

(e) At a minimum, the written collaborative practice agreement shall be reviewed and renewed annually. If necessary, the collaborative practice agreement may be revised. The Board must approve all revisions, once signed by the pharmacist and the prescribing practitioner, prior to implementation. The Board shall review and approve all collaborative practice agreements, including revisions, prior to implementation. This shall be accomplished as follows:

(i) The Board shall appoint a Collaborative Practice Advisory Committee. The Committee shall be composed of five (5) members. Composition shall be two (2) pharmacists currently licensed by the Board and in active practice in Wyoming, one of whom is a current member of the Board; two (2) physicians currently licensed by the Wyoming State Board of Medicine and in active practice in Wyoming one of whom is a current member of the Board of Medicine; and the Board of Pharmacy Executive Director;

(ii) A pharmacist who has developed a collaborative practice agreement shall forward five (5) copies of the signed collaborative practice agreement to the Board. The Executive Director shall convene the Committee to review pending collaborative practice agreements. The Committee shall have authority to recommend approval or rejection of the collaborative practice agreement;

(iii) The recommendation of the Committee shall be reported to the Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting or as needed. The Board's decision will be delivered to the pharmacist and prescribing practitioner within ten (10) days of the Board's decision; and

(iv) The pharmacist submitting a collaborative practice agreement or revisions to an approved collaborative practice agreement to the Board shall not practice under the collaborative practice agreement until notified of approval by the Executive Director.

(f) A pharmacist and prescribing practitioner entering into a collaborative practice agreement must be currently licensed by their respective boards and authorized to practice in this State.

(g) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to permit a pharmacist to accept delegation of a physician's authority outside the limits included in W.S. § 33-26-402 of the Medical Practice Act and the Wyoming State Board of Medicine regulations.

## **RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**

### **CHAPTER 1**

#### **Section 1. Authority.**

These rules are promulgated as authorized by the Wyoming Pharmacy Act W.S. § 33-24-101 through -301.

#### **Section 2. Purpose.**

To describe procedures for applications and investigations.

#### **Section 3. Scope.**

Applies to all applicants and licensees.

#### **Section 4. Definitions.**

- (a) "Act" means the Wyoming Pharmacy Act, W.S. § 33-24-101 through -301.
- (b) "Application Review Committee" (ARC) means the Executive Director, at least one Board member, and a Board Compliance Officer.
- (c) "Board" means the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy.
- (d) "Contestant" means the person, persons, firm or corporations who are licensed under the jurisdiction of the Board against whom a proceeding by petition, verified complaint in writing or formal notice, alleging violation directly or indirectly of any of the terms and provisions of the Act or of the lawful Rules and Regulations of the Board or any related acts and resulting lawful rules and regulations (i.e. Controlled Substances Act, 1971).
- (e) "Contested Case" means any proceeding where legal rights, duties or privileges of a party are required by law to be determined by the Board.
- (f) "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Board.
- (g) "License" means the whole or part of any Board permit, certificate, approval, registration or similar form of permission required by law. License does not include a license required solely for revenue purposes.
- (h) "Prosecuting Attorney" means the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Board to represent the Executive Director in contested cases.
- (i) "Staff" means the personnel of the Board.

**Section 5. Application Review Process.**

(a) Upon receipt of a completed application, the Staff shall review the application and if it is complete and, if there are no grounds for denial, issue the license. If grounds for denial exist, the Staff shall forward the application for review by the Prosecuting Attorney.

(b) The Prosecuting Attorney shall review the application and all other information available and following the review shall:

- (i) Recommend approval of the application; or
- (ii) Recommend the application be forwarded to the ARC for review.

(c) If, after review, the ARC recommends denial of an application:

(i) A preliminary denial letter shall be sent to the applicant. The letter shall:

(A) State the basis for the denial including relevant statutes and rules;  
and

(B) Advise the applicant of the right to request reconsideration.

(ii) If the applicant fails to request reconsideration in writing within thirty (30) days of the preliminary denial letter, the preliminary denial becomes final.

(iii) If the applicant requests reconsideration within thirty (30) days, an informal reconsideration conference shall be held between the ARC, the Prosecuting Attorney, and the applicant.

(iv) Following the informal reconsideration conference, the ARC shall either approve or deny the application.

(v) If denied, the applicant must submit a request in writing for a hearing within thirty (30) days of the date of the denial letter.

(vi) If the applicant fails to request a hearing in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of the denial letter, the denial becomes final.

(d) Application denial hearings.

(i) An application denial hearing is a formal contested case hearing conducted before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act W.S. § 16-3-107 through -113 and Office of Administration Rules.

(ii) The applicant has the burden of proving that he/she meets all requirements for the license requested.

(e) The ARC may attend hearings, but shall not take part in the consideration of any contested case.

#### **Section 6. Complaints.**

(a) A complaint concerning an alleged violation of the Act must be submitted in writing to the Board. The written complaint shall provide the following information:

- (i) The name and address of the complainant;
- (ii) The name, address, place of employment, and telephone number of the license holder against whom the charges are made, if available and applicable;
- (iii) The specific conduct alleged to constitute the violation;
- (iv) The name and address of any witnesses; and
- (v) The notarized signature of the complainant.

(b) Written complaints for which there is an alleged violation of the act shall be referred for investigation to the Board Compliance Officer or to an Investigative Board Member (IBM) selected by Staff from a rotating schedule.

- (i) The IBM shall not take part in the consideration of any contested case.
- (ii) The IBM shall not, by this rule, be barred from attending any disciplinary hearing.

(c) License holders against whom charges of an alleged violation of the act are made shall be advised of the investigation and the nature of the complaint.

#### **Section 7. Investigations and Board Action.**

(a) Upon completion of the investigation, the ~~Board Compliance Officer~~ Executive Director shall ~~prepare an investigative report which includes:~~

(i) ~~The findings of the investigation~~ Dismiss the complaint if no evidence of violation of the Act or Board rules is found; or

(ii) ~~A list of statutes and/or Board rules violated; and~~ Prepare an investigative report which shall include:

- (A) The findings of the investigation;
- (B) A list of statutes and/or Board rules violated; and
- (C) Any relevant additional information.



(iii) ~~Any relevant additional information.~~

(b) The Executive Director shall forward the report and recommendations to the Prosecuting Attorney for review.

(c) Following consultation with the Prosecuting Attorney, the Executive Director shall:

(i) Send the notice required by Section 6;

(ii) Prepare and file a formal petition and notice of hearing setting the matter for a contested case hearing before the Board;

(iii) Recommend the Board accept an offer of conditional terms for settlement; or

(iv) Recommend the Board dismiss the complaint.

(d) The Board may resolve a complaint at any time prior to a contested case hearing by:

(i) Accepting voluntary surrender of a license;

(ii) Accepting conditional terms for settlement; or

(iii) Dismissing the complaint.

**Section 8.** Service of Notice and Opportunity to Show Compliance.

Prior to commencement of a formal hearing, the Executive Director shall notify the licensee by certified mail of the intent to proceed with disciplinary action. The notice shall give the license holder an opportunity to contest the violations referred to in the Notice or to accept the proposed settlement agreement within twenty (20) days of receipt of the notice

**Section 9.** Incorporation by reference.

(a) For any code, standard, rule or regulation incorporated by reference in this Chapter:

(i) The Board has determined that incorporation of the full text in these rules would be cumbersome or inefficient given the length or nature of the rules;

(ii) The incorporation by reference does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter beyond the applicable date identified in subsection (b) of this section; and

(iii) The incorporated code, standard, rule or regulation is maintained at Board's office and is available for public inspection and copying at cost at the same location.

(b) Each code, standard, rule or regulation incorporated by reference in this Chapter is further identified as follows:

(i) Chapter 2 – Uniform Rules for Contested Case Practice and Procedure, adopted by the Office of Administrative Hearings and effective on October 17, 2014, found at: <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Rules/RULES/9644.pdf>.

(ii) Chapter 2 – Uniform Procedures, Fees, Costs and Charges for Inspecting, Copying and Producing Public Records adopted by the Department of Administration and Information and effective on September 6, 2016, found at [pharmacyboard.state.wy.us](http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us).

## **GENERAL PRACTICE OF PHARMACY REGULATIONS**

### **CHAPTER 2**

#### **Section 1.** Authority.

These regulations are promulgated pursuant to the Wyoming Pharmacy Act W.S. § 33-24-101 through -301.

#### **Section 2.** Purpose.

The purpose of this regulation is to coordinate the requirements for pharmacy services by providing minimum standards, conditions, and physical guidelines for facilities and pharmacists in professional settings.

#### **Section 3.** Scope.

This chapter applies to any person, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or other entity engaging in the practice of pharmacy within the state.

#### **Section 4.** Definitions.

(a) “Active pharmacy practice” means a pharmacist who engages in the practice of pharmacy, as defined in W.S. § 33-24-124, a minimum of four hundred (400) hours per calendar year.

(b) “Administer” means the direct application of a drug, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, to the body of a patient or research subject by:

(i) A practitioner (or by his or her authorized agent); or

(ii) The patient or research subject at the direction of the practitioner.

(c) “Ancillary kit” means a tamper-evident sealed and secured container or secured automated dispensing device containing drugs.

(d) “Audit trail” means a record showing who has accessed an information technology application and what operations the user performed during a given period.

(e) “Authentication” means verifying the identity of the user prior to allowing access to the information application.

(f) “Automated Dispensing Device” means a mechanical system that performs operations or activities, other than compounding or administration, relative to the storage,

packaging, dispensing or distribution of medications, and which collects, controls, and maintains all transaction information.

(g) “Board of Pharmacy” or “Board” means the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy.

(h) “Collaborative pharmacy practice” is that practice of pharmacy whereby one or more pharmacists have jointly agreed, on a voluntary basis, to work in conjunction with one or more practitioners under protocol and in collaboration to provide patient care services to achieve optimal medication use and desired patient outcomes.

(i) “Collaborative practice agreement” means a written voluntary agreement, between a pharmacist and a prescribing practitioner that defines a collaborative practice.

(j) “Compounding” means and includes the preparation, mixing or assembling of a drug or device, and the packaging and labeling incident thereto for sale or dispensing:

(i) As the result of a practitioner’s prescription drug order or initiative based on the practitioner/patient/pharmacist relationship in the course of his/her professional practice;

(ii) For the purpose of research, teaching, or chemical analysis; or

(iii) In anticipation of prescription drug orders based on routine, regularly observed prescribing patterns.

Compounding does not include mixing, reconstituting, adding flavoring or other such acts that are performed in accordance with directions contained in approved labeling provided by the product’s manufacturer and other manufacturer directions consistent with the labeling.

(k) “Confidential information” means information maintained by the pharmacist in the patient’s records, or communicated to the patient as part of patient counseling, which is privileged and may be released only to the patient or, as the patient directs, to those practitioners and other pharmacists where, in the pharmacist’s professional judgment, such release is necessary to protect the patient’s health and well being, and to such other persons or governmental agencies authorized by law to investigate controlled substance law violations.

(l) “Consultant pharmacist” means a pharmacist who establishes policies and procedures for the distribution and storage of drugs, visits the facility on a regularly scheduled basis, but is not physically present at the facility for a set number of hours on a daily basis, and conducts prospective and retrospective drug utilization reviews, including the identification of problems and recommendations for resolution of identified problems for residents of the facility.

(m) “Deliver” or “delivery” means the actual, constructive or attempted transfer from one person to another of a drug or device, whether or not there is an agency relationship.

(n) “Device” means an instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance, implant, or other similar or related article, including any component part of accessory, which is required under federal law to bear the label, “Caution: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.”

(o) “Digital signature” means an electronic identifier that:

(i) Is intended by the party using it to have the same force and effect as a manual signature;

(ii) Is unique to the authorized signer;

(iii) Is capable of verification;

(iv) Is under the sole control of the authorized signer;

(v) Is linked to the prescription in such a manner, that, if the prescription information is changed, the signature is invalidated; and

(vi) Conforms to Wyoming State Statute and Board Rules and Regulations.

(p) “Dispense” means the interpretation, evaluation and implementation of a prescription drug or nonprescription drug under a lawful order of a practitioner in a suitable container appropriately labeled for subsequent administration to or use by a patient, research subject or an animal.

(q) “Distribute” means the delivery of a drug or device other than by administering or dispensing.

(r) “Dosage form” means the physical formulation or medium in which the product is manufactured and made available for use including, but not limited to, tablets, capsules, oral solutions, aerosols, inhalers, gels, lotions, creams, ointments, transdermals and suppositories.

(s) “Drug” means an article recognized as a drug in any official compendium, or supplement thereto, designated for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in humans or animals.

(t) “Drug therapy management” means the same as medication therapy management as defined in this Chapter.

(u) “Electronic prescription” means a prescription that is generated on an electronic application and transmitted as an electronic data file.

(v) “Electronic signature” means a method of signing an electronic message that identifies a particular person as the source of the message and indicates the person’s approval of the information contained in the message.

(w) “Electronic transmission” means:

(i) Transmission of the digital representation of information from one computer or other similar electronic device to another computer, which is authenticated by a digital signature; or

(ii) Transmission of the electronic representation of information from one computer or other similar electronic device to a facsimile (fax) machine, which is authenticated by an electronic signature.

~~(x) “Foreign pharmacy graduate” means a pharmacist whose undergraduate pharmacy degree was conferred by a recognized school of pharmacy outside of the United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. United States citizens who have completed their pharmacy education outside the United States are foreign pharmacy graduates. Foreign nationals who have graduated from schools in the United States are not foreign pharmacy graduates.~~

(y) “Labeling” means the process of preparing and affixing a label to any drug container, exclusive of the labeling by a manufacturer, packager or distributor.

(z) “Medication refill consolidation” means a component of medication therapy management that recognizes the authority of the pharmacist, at the patient’s directions, to proactively adjust the medication quantity or refill schedule and to manage a patient’s maintenance medications by coordinating the refill schedules, not to exceed the total quantity prescribed, to improve patient outcomes.

(aa) “Medication therapy management” (also known as “drug therapy management”) is a distinct service or group of services that optimize therapeutic outcomes for individual patients. Medical therapy management (MTM) services are independent of, but can occur in conjunction with, the provision of a medication or a medical device. MTM encompasses a broad range of professional activities and responsibilities within the licensed pharmacist’s scope of practice. MTM services may be performed without a collaborative practice agreement. These services may include, but are not limited to, the following, according to the individual needs of the patient:

(i) Performing or obtaining necessary assessments of the patient’s health status;

(ii) Formulating a medication treatment plan;

(iii) Selecting, initiating, modifying or administering medication therapy;

(iv) Monitoring and evaluating the patient’s response to therapy, including safety and effectiveness;

(v) Performing a comprehensive medication review to identify, resolve and prevent medication-related problems, including adverse drug events;

(vi) Documenting the care delivered and communicating essential information to the patient's other primary care providers;

(vii) Providing verbal education and training designed to enhance patient understanding and appropriate use of his or her medications;

(viii) Providing information, support services and resources designed to enhance patient adherence with his or her therapeutic regimens, such as medication refill consolidation;

(ix) Coordinating and integrating MTM services within the broader health care management services being provided to the patient;

(x) Such other patient care services as may be allowed by law; or

(xi) Ordering, or performing laboratory assessments, and evaluating the response of the patient to therapy, as it directly relates to MTM, provided:

(A) The pharmacy or service is certified by the US Department of Health and Human Services, as a clinical laboratory under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA); or

(B) The tests do not otherwise require a physician's order and the pharmacy or service has obtained a CLIA Certificate of Waiver from the US Department of Health and Human Services; and

(C) The pharmacist is qualified to direct the laboratory.

(bb) ~~"Non-resident pharmacy" means a licensed pharmacy located outside this State where drugs are dispensed and/or pharmaceutical care is provided to residents within this state.~~

(cc) "Paper prescription" means a prescription created on paper or computer generated to be printed or transmitted via fax that includes a manual signature.

(dd) "Patient confidences" as used in WYO. STAT. ANN. § 33-24-101(b)(4)(C) means information transmitted by the prescribing practitioner or agent to the pharmacist or agent for the purpose of treating the patient and information transmitted by the patient or agent to the pharmacist or agent for the purpose of treatment, and includes the patient's name, address, medical condition and drugs lawfully prescribed for the patient. The pharmacist may release otherwise confidential information pertaining to the patient's treatment to a minor's parent or guardian, the patient's third party payor or the patient's agent.

(ee) “Patient counseling” means the verbal communication by the pharmacist of information, to the patient or caregiver, in order to improve therapy by ensuring proper use of drugs and devices. Patient counseling may be supplemented with printed materials.

(ff) “Pharmacist care” (also known as pharmaceutical care) is patient care activities provided by a pharmacist, with or without the dispensing of drugs or devices, intended to achieve positive clinical outcomes and to optimize the patient’s health-related quality of life.

(gg) “Pharmacist’s collaborative scope of practice” means those duties and limitations of duties agreed upon by pharmacists and the collaborating practitioners (subject to Board approval and applicable law), and includes the limitations implied by the specialty practiced by the collaborating practitioner.

(hh) “Pharmacist-in-Charge” (“PIC”) means a pharmacist currently licensed in this state who accepts responsibility for the operation of a pharmacy in conformance with all laws, rules pertinent to the practice of pharmacy and the distribution of drugs.

(ii) ~~“Pharmacy” means an area(s) where drugs are dispensed and/or pharmacist care is provided.~~

(jj) “Pharmacy intern” is described in Chapter 3 of these rules.

(kk) “Practitioner” means an individual currently licensed, registered, or otherwise authorized by the jurisdiction in which he/she practices to prescribe drugs in the course of professional practice.

(ll) “Prepackage” means to prepare a drug in a container in advance of actual, immediate need for dispensing, prior to the receipt of an order. Such packaging may be in a single unit dose or unit of use package for use in a unit dose dispensing system or in a container suitable for a traditional dispensing system.

(mm) “Prescription drug” or “legend drug” means a drug which, under federal law, is required to be labeled with one of the following statements:

(i) “Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription”;

(ii) “Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by, or on the order of, a licensed veterinarian”; or

(iii) “Rx Only.”

(nn) “Prescription drug order” means a lawful order of a practitioner for a drug or device for a specific patient.

(oo) “Readily retrievable” means records kept in such a manner that they can be separated out from all other records and produced for review within forty-eight (48) hours.



(pp) ~~“Registered pharmacist” means an individual currently licensed by this state to engage in the practice of pharmacy.~~

(qq) ~~“Remodeled pharmacy” means an existing retail pharmacy that is relocated to a different address, or a pharmacy that undergoes remodeling at a cost equal to or greater than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).~~

(rr) “Repackage” means to prepare a single unit dose or unit of use package or traditional dispensing system package for dispensing pursuant to an existing order.

(ss) “State Board,” as used in W.S. § 33-24-136(b), shall mean the boards of medicine, dental examiners, nursing, podiatry, optometry and veterinary medicine of the State of Wyoming and their similar counterpart boards of any of the states in the United States of America.

(tt) “Traditional dispensing system” means a drug package system in which individual doses are not packaged in single unit dose packages or unit of use packages.

(uu) “Unit dose dispensing system” means a drug distribution system that is in a pharmacy and uses single unit dose packages or unit of use packages that enable distribution of packaged doses in a manner that preserves the identity and the integrity of the drug.

(vv) “Single Unit Dose” means a package that contains one unit of medication.

(ww) “Unit of use” means a package that provides multiple units of doses separated in a medication card or other similarly designed container.

(xx) “Wholesale distributor” is defined in Chapter 8 of these rules.

#### **~~Section 5. — Pharmacist Licensure by Examination.~~**

(a) ~~The Board shall utilize those standardized examinations as prepared and administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). These standardized examinations shall include the following:~~

(i) ~~North American Pharmacist Licensing Examination (NAPLEX®); and~~

(ii) ~~Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE®).~~

(b) Applicants for licensure by examination will be licensed, provided they:

(i) ~~Submit a properly completed “Pharmacist License by Examination” application, as provided by the Board, with the proper fee and fee/fingerprints for a criminal background check. However, any applicant who has on file at the Board office a criminal background history dated within twelve (12) months of the date of application need not resubmit fee/fingerprints for a criminal background history;~~

(ii) ~~Pass the NAPLEX® with a minimum score of 75;~~

~~(A) — Candidates who do not receive a passing grade on the NAPLEX® shall be allowed two (2) retakes, for a total of three (3) examinations.~~

~~(B) — All retakes require payment of fees plus a forty five (45) day waiting period, as required by NABP.~~

(iii) ~~Pass the MPJE® for Wyoming with a minimum score of 75;~~

~~(A) — Candidates who do not receive a passing grade on the MPJE® for Wyoming may retake the examination for a maximum of five (5) attempts.~~

~~(B) — All retakes require payment of fees, plus a thirty (30) day waiting period, as required by NABP.~~

(iv) ~~Meet the required practical experience requirement of 1,200 internship hours as specified in Chapter 3 of these rules;~~

(v) ~~Complete all requirements within two (2) years of the date of application to the Board office;~~

(vi) ~~Meet the requirements of W.S. § 33-24-116; and~~

(vii) ~~Ensure the Board receives the results of a criminal background history report from the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI).~~

(c) ~~Applicants who have applied for score transfer of their NAPLEX® examination to Wyoming will be licensed by examination provided they meet the following requirements:~~

~~(i) The NAPLEX® score transferred is 75 or more;~~

~~(ii) A properly completed “Pharmacist Licensure by Examination” application, as provided by the Board, with the proper fee, has been submitted to the Board office;~~

(iii) ~~Pass the MPJE® for Wyoming with a minimum score of 75;~~

~~(A) — Candidates who do not receive a passing grade on the MPJE® for Wyoming may retake the examination for a maximum of five (5) attempts.~~

~~(B) — All retakes require payment of fees, plus a thirty (30) day waiting period, as required by the NABP.~~

(iv) ~~The required practical experience requirement of 1,200 internship hours is met, as specified in Chapter 3 of these rules;~~

(v) ~~All requirements completed within one (1) year of the date of the NAPLEX® examination, which was utilized for the score which was transferred to Wyoming;~~

(vi) ~~Board receipt of a criminal background history report from the DCI; and~~

(vii) ~~Meet the requirements of W.S. § 33-24-116.~~

(d) ~~No candidate will be licensed until the required practical experience, as specified in Chapter 3 of these rules has been met.~~

(e) ~~Candidates failing to meet all requirements within the time period allowed in this chapter must file a new application, including payment of the fees or, if applicable, seek licensure by license transfer, as outlined in this chapter.~~

(f) ~~The Board reserves the right to require an interview with any applicant seeking licensure by examination to practice pharmacy in Wyoming.~~

(g) ~~The Board shall charge fees to cover administrative costs, which shall include one (1) wall certificate and a renewal certificate for the current license year.~~

(h) ~~Foreign pharmacy graduates, holding a FPGEC® Certificate issued by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee®, may apply for licensure as a pharmacist under this section. To be eligible for FPGEC® certification, applicants must satisfy the following requirements established by the FPGEC®:~~

(i) ~~Provide verification of educational equivalency of an applicant's foreign pharmacy education and the applicant's licensure or registration as a pharmacist outside the United States;~~

(ii) ~~Pass the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE®);~~  
and

(iii) ~~Obtain an acceptable score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-based Test (TOEFL® iBT), with minimal scores of 21 for listening, 22 for reading, 26 for speaking and 24 for writing.~~

#### **~~Section 6. — Pharmacist Licensure by Reciprocal License Transfer.~~**

~~Any pharmacist, who is licensed by examination and is in good standing in any state which is a member of the NABP and who desires to be licensed by reciprocity into this state, shall proceed in the manner outlined by the NABP after first submitting the "Preliminary Application for Transfer of Pharmacist Licensure" obtained from the NABP.~~

(a) ~~All candidates for license transfer shall be required to:~~

(i) ~~File all appropriate applications with the Board;~~

- (ii) ~~Pay the required application fee;~~
  - (iii) ~~Complete the two (2) fingerprint cards provided by the Board for the criminal background check;~~
  - (iv) ~~Pay the required criminal background check fee;~~
  - (v) ~~Pass the MPJE® for Wyoming;~~
  - (vi) ~~Prove good moral character;~~
  - (vii) ~~Prove they have been in active pharmacy practice, as defined in this chapter, for the year preceding the date of their application for license transfer. Applicants failing to show proof must complete an internship in Wyoming approved by the Board of no less than four hundred (400) hours;~~
  - (viii) ~~Meet all requirements under the Wyoming Pharmacy Act and these rules;~~
- and
- (ix) ~~If applying as a foreign pharmacy graduate, possess a FPGEC® Certificate.~~
- (b) ~~The Board must receive the applicant's criminal background history report from the DCI before a pharmacist license by transfer will be issued.~~
  - (c) ~~The Board shall not issue a pharmacist license by license transfer until all conditions under this chapter have been met.~~
  - (d) ~~All applications for licensure by reciprocity shall expire one (1) year from date of issue by the NABP.~~
  - (e) ~~The Board reserves the right to require an interview with any applicant seeking licensure reciprocity to practice pharmacy in Wyoming.~~
  - (f) ~~In the event of rejecting an application, the fees paid to the Board will not be refunded.~~
  - (g) ~~The Board will accept licensure by reciprocity for pharmacists licensed in California after January 1, 2004.~~

**~~Section 7. — Minimum Structural and Equipment Requirements to Operate a Retail Pharmacy.~~**

- (a) ~~All retail pharmacies operating in this State must meet the following requirements:~~
  - (i) ~~The pharmacy shall include a sink with a hot and cold water supply, exclusive of restroom facilities, with adequate sewage disposal;~~

~~(ii) The pharmacy shall be properly lighted and ventilated. The temperature of the pharmacy shall be maintained within a range compatible with the proper storage of pharmaceuticals;~~

~~(iii) The pharmacy shall have adequate shelving; there shall be adequate counter space; the working surface shall be kept clear and uncluttered at all times for the preparation or compounding of prescriptions to meet the requirements of the pharmacy. Any pharmacy where compounding prescriptions occurs must meet the structural and equipment requirements identified in Chapter 13 of these rules;~~

~~(iv) A fax machine or similar electronic equipment capable of producing an identical document shall be located in the pharmacy;~~

~~(v) A separate refrigerator located in the pharmacy, with sufficient capacity to serve the needs of the pharmacy, equipped with a thermometer which provides a storage temperature of 36-46 degrees Fahrenheit (2-8 degrees Centigrade). The use of such refrigerator shall be limited to the storage of drugs. If a freezer compartment is utilized, it must maintain a temperature of -13 to -14 degrees Fahrenheit (-20 to -10 degrees Centigrade);~~

~~(vi) Class A prescription balance or electronic scale with 10 mg sensitivity if the pharmacy participates in compounding. Pharmacies that do not compound or do not dispense are not required to obtain or maintain a prescription balance or electronic scale;~~

~~(vii) A professional reference library (text or electronic format) that shall include the following:~~

~~(A) Current Wyoming pharmacy laws;~~

~~(B) Current edition of *Facts and Comparisons* or a comparable reference accepted by the Board;~~

~~(C) Current drug interaction text that provides, at a minimum, quarterly updates;~~

~~(D) Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy quarterly newsletter by access to the Board website; and~~

~~(E) The current edition (as incorporated by reference in this Chapter), with supplements, of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) "Orange Book" or an alternate reference that provides the same information as the FDA "Orange Book." Proven access to the Board website link to the Orange Book meets this requirement.~~

~~(viii) Pharmacies must maintain adequate security to deter theft of drugs by personnel or public. Security requirements for new or remodeled pharmacies must meet the requirements of this chapter. No person other than the pharmacist, intern or technician employed by the pharmacy shall be permitted in the pharmacy without the express consent of~~

~~the PIC. If the pharmacy is located in a facility in which the public has access and the pharmacy's hours of operation are different from the rest of the facility, the pharmacy must be designed so that it can be securely locked and made inaccessible when the pharmacy is not open;~~

~~(ix) The pharmacy shall be arranged in an orderly fashion and kept clean. All required equipment shall be clean and in good operating condition;~~

~~(x) If automated counting devices are utilized, the pharmacy shall have a method to calibrate and verify the accuracy of the automated counting device and shall verify the accuracy and document doing so on a quarterly basis;~~

~~(xi) Consecutive numbering of all prescriptions must be maintained, along with appropriate printing equipment to product prescription drug labels; and~~

~~(xii) In addition to the requirements identified in this chapter, all pharmacies involved in the preparation of sterile compounded products must meet the requirements of Chapter 17 of these rules.~~

~~(b) In addition to the requirements of this chapter, except for a change of ownership of an existing pharmacy, an individual or business who opens a new pharmacy or remodels an existing retail pharmacy shall provide to the Board staff no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to commencing construction or remodeling the pharmacy, a set of blueprints or other acceptable documents, which indicate the physical layout of the planned or remodeled pharmacy.~~

~~(c) The proposed new pharmacy or pharmacy to be remodeled shall meet the following minimum standards:~~

~~(i) The pharmacy shall consist of no less than 500 square feet;~~

~~(ii) The pharmacy shall include an identified counseling area, which is apart from the cash register, apart from the prescription "pick up" area, and offers sufficient privacy for counseling. A separation of three (3) feet is the minimum space between patients to allow for privacy during counseling. Pharmacies that do not provide prescription services to "Walk-in" customers are not required to have a counseling area;~~

~~(iii) Located within the pharmacy, but not counted in the square footage requirements of the pharmacy, shall be restroom facilities, access to which shall be limited to pharmacy staff;~~

~~(iv) Access to the pharmacy shall be secured as follows:~~

~~(A) If the pharmacy is located within another business, which does not have identical hours of operation, the pharmacy shall be secured with solid core or metal doors with a deadbolt and a locking doorknob. If glassed areas are utilized, then adequate~~

~~intrusion detectors must be in place. Pharmacy walls must extend to the roof or provide security acceptable to the Board. The pharmacy shall meet all other applicable federal or state regulations concerning security access.~~

~~(B) — Those pharmacies not included in (A) shall be secured with solid core, metal or safety glass exterior doors secured with a deadbolt, and must utilize an adequate intrusion detector. If the pharmacy shares a common wall with another business, this wall must extend to the roof. The pharmacy shall meet all other applicable federal or state regulations concerning security access.~~

~~(v) A separate refrigerator, sufficient in capacity to serve the needs of the pharmacy staff, shall be available for storage of employees' food or beverage. This refrigerator shall be identified for "Employee Use Only"; and~~

~~(vi) All prescription data shall be processed utilizing electronic data processing equipment and shall be sequentially numbered. There shall be adequate computer terminals and printers available to process anticipated prescription volume for the new or remodeled pharmacy.~~

~~(d) Upon written request, and for good cause, the Board may waive any of the requirements of this chapter. A waiver that is granted under this section shall only be effective when issued by the Board in writing.~~

~~(e) For a change in ownership of a retail or institutional pharmacy, the Board shall be notified at least twenty-one (21) days before the change.~~

**~~Section 8. — Licensing of Facilities.~~**

~~(a) Prior to the issuing of the registration to operate a pharmacy or prescription department in Wyoming, the Board will inspect the pharmacy for minimum standards including space, fixtures, sanitation, reference library, technical equipment and security. The application will include the number of hours the pharmacy will be in operation per week.~~

~~(b) The facility application shall list the names of all licensed pharmacists employed, specifically identifying the Pharmacist in Charge (PIC). The PIC determines which employees shall have access to the pharmacy.~~

~~(c) The Board shall be notified within seven (7) days of every change in PIC. A controlled substance inventory is required when there is a change in PIC, at the time of the change. This inventory shall include the signatures of both the outgoing and incoming PIC, and the date and time the inventory was taken. If the inventory cannot be conducted with both pharmacists, then the incoming PIC shall conduct an inventory. A copy of the controlled substance inventory and signed Certification of Responsibilities as Pharmacist in Charge (PIC) shall be forwarded to the Board office within fifteen (15) days of conducting the inventory.~~

~~(d) When a pharmacy changes ownership, the original license becomes void and a new license must be secured by the new owner or owners. A new license is required even if there is no change in the name of the pharmacy or in the registered PIC of the pharmacy.~~

~~In the case of a corporation, limited liability company or partnership holding a pharmacy license, the Board shall be notified and a new license applied for any time the majority of stock in the corporation is sold or a majority of the partners of the partnership or members of the limited liability company change. This shall constitute new ownership. Requirements for the change of ownership are the same as outlined in this section.~~

~~(e) A pharmacy license registers the pharmacy to which it is issued only at the location specified on the application and is not transferable.~~

~~(f) The Board shall be notified in writing at least thirty (30) days before a pharmacy change of address. The new location shall be inspected by the Board prior to issuance of an amended pharmacy license for the new location. The new location must meet all requirements for a new or remodeled pharmacy, as noted in this chapter.~~

~~(g) All licenses and certificates issued by the Board shall be displayed in a prominent place in the facility and always in view of the public.~~

~~(h) Resident Pharmacy Licenses shall indicate "Institutional" or "Retail."~~

**Section 9. Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC).**

Every licensed pharmacy must be in the continuous daily charge of a pharmacist. A pharmacist shall be designated as the PIC and shall have direct control of the pharmacy services of said pharmacy.

(a) A pharmacist may not serve as the PIC unless said pharmacist is physically present in the pharmacy a minimum of thirty-two (32) hours per week, except for time periods of less than thirty (30) days when absent due to illness, family illness or death, scheduled vacation or other authorized absence, every week, or eighty percent (80%) of the time the pharmacy is open, if opened less than forty (40) hours per week.

(b) A pharmacist may not serve as PIC for more than one pharmacy at a time. The name of the PIC shall be designated on the application of the pharmacy for the license and in each renewal period. A pharmacist may seek a waiver from the Board to serve as PIC for more than one pharmacy, provided those requirements for number of hours physically present in the pharmacy are met.

(c) It shall be the responsibility of the person, partnership, firm, or corporation holding a pharmacy license to notify the Board immediately of the disability of the PIC for a period exceeding thirty (30) days.



(d) A corporation or other non-pharmacist owner must comply strictly with the above provisions and provide a PIC who will have complete control of the pharmacy services of the pharmacy.

(e) Responsibilities of the PIC include requiring compliance with all federal and state pharmacy laws and regulations. It shall be the duty of the PIC to report all pharmacy violations within their facility to the Board, with the single exception that, whenever a PIC or staff pharmacist reports a pharmacist or pharmacy technician to the Wyoming Professional Assistance Program (WPAP) for suspected substance abuse, no further reporting to the Board regarding the name of the suspected substance abuse impaired pharmacist or pharmacy technician needs to be done. Any pharmacy technician-in-training or pharmacy intern suspected of substance abuse and reported to WPAP shall be reported to the Board.

(f) Additional responsibilities of the PIC shall be to:

(i) Establish policies and procedures for the procurement, storage, compounding and dispensing of pharmaceuticals;

(ii) Supervise the professional employees of the pharmacy;

(iii) Supervise the non-professional employees of the pharmacy;

(iv) Establish and supervise the recordkeeping for the security of all pharmaceuticals;

(v) Report any significant loss or theft of drugs to the Board and other authorities;

(vi) Ensure that all professional staff, including registered pharmacists, interns, pharmacy technicians-in-training and registered pharmacy technicians, have valid licenses or registrations in good standing and that all certificates are on display. Pharmacists must report any change of address or place of employment to the Board within fifteen (15) days of the change;

(vii) Ensure that all pharmacy licenses, including state and federal controlled substances registration, are valid and posted;

(viii) Develop and implement a procedure for drug recall, including a quarantine area designated separately from other drugs awaiting return; and

(A) Upon receipt, each shipping container shall be visually examined for identity and to determine if it may contain contaminated, contraband, counterfeit or damaged prescription drugs or prescription drugs that are otherwise unfit for dispensing.

(B) The prescription drugs found to be unacceptable shall be quarantined from the rest of the stock until examination and determination that the prescribed

drugs are not outdated, damaged, deteriorated, misbranded, counterfeit, contraband or adulterated.

(ix) Assure that all expired drug products are removed from active stock and placed in an area designated for return.

(g) Every pharmacy shall have at least one registered pharmacist on duty and physically present in the building at all times that the pharmacy is open for the transaction of business. If the pharmacist is absent from the building where there is a licensed retail pharmacy, the prescription department must be locked and kept so until that pharmacist's return. A sign stating "Prescription Department Closed – No Registered Pharmacist on Duty" shall be conspicuously posted.

(h) No pharmacy shall be permitted to operate without a PIC for more than thirty (30) days.

**Section 10. Transfer of Prescription Orders Between Prescription Drug Outlets.**

A prescription label or a written copy of a prescription order from another pharmacy may be issued for informational purposes only and shall not be considered to be a valid prescription order. A pharmacist who receives such a label or prescription order copy shall either contact the prescribing practitioner for authorization to dispense the prescription or, alternatively, shall comply with this section.

(a) A pharmacist, pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern shall transfer prescription order information for non-controlled substances upon the request of a patient. Transfer of prescription order information for the purpose of filling or refilling a prescription is subject to the following requirements:

(i) The information is communicated verbally by one pharmacist or pharmacy intern to another pharmacist;

(ii) The information is sent to the receiving pharmacy via fax by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician with the consent of the supervising pharmacist;

(iii) The information is electronically transferred between pharmacies by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician with the consent of the supervising pharmacist;

(iv) A pharmacy intern may receive a transferred prescription for non-controlled substances if the transfer is initiated by a pharmacist, not another pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician; or

(v) Pharmacies electronically transferring information must satisfy all information requirements of a transferred prescription including those requirements in W.S. § 33-24-136.

- (b) The transferring pharmacist, pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern shall:
- (i) Write the word “void” across the face of the original prescription order to make the order invalid or electronically document that the prescription has been voided; and
  - (ii) Record on the reverse side of the invalidated prescription order or electronic document:
    - (A) His/her name;
    - (B) The name of the receiving pharmacist;
    - (C) The name of the receiving pharmacy;
    - (D) The telephone number of the receiving pharmacy; and
    - (E) The date of the transfer.
- (c) The pharmacist or pharmacy intern receiving the transferred prescription order information shall create a written or electronic record of the prescription, write the word “transfer” or a word of similar import on the face of the transferred prescription order or electronically document that the prescription has been transferred, and provide all information required by law or regulation to be on the prescription order, including:
- (i) The name of the patient, including the date of birth, if available;
  - (ii) The name of the prescribing practitioner and DEA number, if a controlled substance;
  - (iii) The date of issue of the original prescription order;
  - (iv) The date of the dispensing of the original prescription order, if any;
  - (v) The number of refills authorized;
  - (vi) The number of valid refills remaining;
  - (vii) The date of the last refill of the original prescription order, if any;
  - (viii) The prescription order number from which the prescription order information was transferred, if any;
  - (ix) The name of the transferring pharmacist or pharmacy intern; and
  - (x) The name and telephone number of the transferring pharmacy.
- (d) The transferring pharmacy shall retain the original prescription order.

- (e) The receiving pharmacy shall retain the transferred prescription order.
- (f) The pharmacist or pharmacy intern at the receiving pharmacy at the time of the dispensing of the transferred prescription shall inform the patient that the prescription order is now invalid at the pharmacy from which it was transferred.
- (g) A transferring pharmacy shall comply with all requirements of this regulation, including invalidation of the prescription order and deactivation of the order in the computer.
- (h) Nothing in this rule shall be deemed to permit the transfer of a prescription order for a Schedule II controlled substance.
- (i) A prescription order for a controlled substance in Schedule III through V may be transferred only one time, that transfer being from the pharmacy where the prescription was originally filled. It shall not be further transferred by, or to, any other pharmacy. However, pharmacies electronically sharing a real-time, online database may transfer up to the maximum refills permitted by law and the practitioner's authorization.
- (j) The transfers of Schedules III, IV and V controlled substances are subject to the following requirements:
  - (i) The transfer must be communicated directly between two licensed pharmacists;
  - (ii) The transferring pharmacist must do the following:
    - (A) Write the word "VOID" on the face of the invalidated prescription; or for electronic prescriptions, information that the prescription has been transferred must be added to the prescription record;
    - (B) Record on the reverse of the invalidated prescription the name, address and DEA registration number of the pharmacy to which it was transferred and the name of the pharmacist receiving the prescription information; for electronic prescriptions, such information must be added to the prescription record; and
    - (C) Record the date of the transfer and the name of the pharmacist transferring the information.
  - (iii) For paper prescriptions and prescriptions received verbally, and reduced to writing or an electronic record by a pharmacist, the pharmacist receiving the transferred prescription information must write the word "transfer" on the face of the transferred prescription and reduce to writing or an electronic record all information required including:
    - (A) Date of issuance of original prescription;
    - (B) Original number of refills authorized on original prescription;

- (C) Date of original dispensing;
- (D) Number of valid refills remaining and date(s) and locations of previous refills;
- (E) Pharmacy's name, address, DEA registration number and prescription number from which the prescription information was transferred;
- (F) Name of pharmacist who transferred the prescription; and
- (G) Pharmacy's name, address, DEA registration number and prescription number from which the prescription was originally filled.

(iv) For an electronic prescription being transferred electronically, the transferring pharmacist shall provide the receiving pharmacist with the following information in addition to the original electronic prescription data:

- (A) The date of the original dispensing;
- (B) The number of refills remaining and the date(s) and locations of previous refill(s);
- (C) The transferring pharmacy's name, address, DEA registration number and prescription number for each dispensing;
- (D) The name of the pharmacist transferring the prescription; and
- (E) The name, address, DEA registration number and prescription number from the pharmacy that originally filled the prescription, if different.

(v) The pharmacist receiving a transferred electronic prescription must create an electronic record for the prescription that includes the receiving pharmacist's name and all of the information transferred with the prescription under this chapter.

(k) The original and transferred prescription(s) of controlled substances in Schedules III, IV and V must be maintained for a period of two (2) years from the date of last dispensing.

(l) Pharmacies electronically accessing the same prescription record for controlled substances in Schedules III, IV and V must satisfy all information requirements of a manual mode for prescription transfer.

(m) When a pharmacist receives a paper or verbal prescription indicating that the prescription was originally transmitted electronically to another pharmacy, the pharmacist must check with that pharmacy to determine whether the prescription was received and dispensed. If the pharmacy that received the original electronic prescription has not dispensed the prescription, that pharmacy must mark the electronic version as void or canceled. If the

pharmacy that received the original electronic prescription dispensed the prescription, the pharmacy with the paper version must not dispense the paper prescription and must mark the prescription as void.

(n) A prescription order for a non-controlled prescription drug may be transferred from one pharmacy to another pharmacy only so long as there are refills remaining and each pharmacy can establish that a valid refill existed at the time of dispensing.

(o) The original and transferred prescription(s) must be maintained for a period of two (2) years from the date of last dispensing.

**Section 11.** Labeling Prescription Drug Containers.

(a) All original or refill prescription drug containers utilized in a traditional dispensing system shall be labeled as follows:

- (i) name of the patient;
- (ii) brand or generic name of the drug product dispensed, unless otherwise specified;
- (iii) drug strength and quantity;
- (iv) the name, address, and telephone number of the pharmacy;
- (v) the practitioner's name;
- (vi) the serialized number of the prescription;
- (vii) the date the prescription was filled or refilled;
- (viii) purpose for use where appropriate;
- (ix) directions for use; including accessory cautionary information as appropriate for patient safety;
- (x) the identifying initials of the dispensing pharmacist; and
- (xi) any other information required by federal or state law.

(b) All original or refill prescription drug containers utilized in a traditional dispensing system shall be labeled with the product's physical description, including any identification code that may appear on the tablets and capsules. A waiver will be granted for new drugs for the first one hundred-twenty (120) days on the market and ninety (90) days for drugs which the national reference file has no description on file.

(c) All single unit dose or unit of use packaging shall be labeled as follows:

- (i) Brand name and/or generic name of the prescription drug;
- (ii) Strength;
- (iii) Manufacturer's lot number;
- (iv) Manufacturer's expiration date. If prepackaged or repackaged by the pharmacy, the expiration date shall be the lesser of the manufacturer's expiration date or twelve (12) months from the date of prepackaging or repackaging;
- (v) All unit of use packaging dispensed shall include the following information on the label, in addition to that required by this chapter:
  - (A) Name, address and telephone number of the pharmacy;
  - (B) Prescription number;
  - (C) Name of the patient;
  - (D) Name of the practitioner;
  - (E) Directions for use;
  - (F) Date dispensed;
  - (G) Initials of dispensing pharmacist;
  - (H) Accessory cautionary labels for patient safety; and
  - (I) Quantity of medication.
- (vi) All unit of use packaging dispensed by a retail pharmacy to residents of long-term care facilities, as defined in Chapter 15 of these rules, as well as prescription drugs dispensed from hospital emergency room departments, as described in Chapter 12 of these rules, shall be labeled with the product's physical description, including any identification code that may appear on the tablets and capsules.

**Section 12.** Child-Resistant Packaging.

- (a) The Consumer Product Safety Commission enforces the Poison Prevention Packaging Act (PPPA), which requires that all prescription medication shall be dispensed in child-resistant packaging.
- (b) Unless the prescription drug is expressly exempted from the federal regulations, the drug must be dispensed in a child-resistant package. Exceptions to this requirement do exist as follows:

(i) The purchaser may request either a one-time or a blanket waiver from the requirement. A one-time request shall be documented on the prescription or patient profile records by the pharmacist; or

(ii) The practitioner, at the request of the patient, may request a one-time waiver. However, the practitioner cannot request a blanket waiver.

(c) Child-resistant prescription containers cannot be reused for refills of prescriptions. However, glass containers may be reused, provided that a new safety closure is used.

### **Section 13.** Record of Refills.

The following information shall be recorded in a readily retrievable manner when a prescription is filled: date refilled, quantity, and pharmacist's initials. If a refill was not authorized on the original prescription or, if no refills remain, the pharmacist may contact the prescriber to obtain a new prescription. If authorization is obtained, the name of the practitioner authorizing the prescription and, if applicable, the name of the agent transmitting the prescription, must be recorded, as well as the number of refills authorized.

Both the supervising pharmacist and the intern must initial any prescription or prescription refilled by the intern.

### **Section 14.** Practitioner/Patient Relationship as Affecting Prescriptions.

(a) Upon learning that a practitioner/patient relationship has been terminated for reasons other than discharge of the patient by the practitioner, a pharmacist utilizing his/her professional judgment may honor a patient's request for remaining medication refills, for a period of not exceeding twelve (12) months.

(b) It shall be unprofessional conduct for a resident or non-resident pharmacy, or pharmacist, to dispense, sell or offer to sell prescription drugs to persons located within this State, or any other state, on the basis of a prescription generated solely through an internet practitioner consultation questionnaire. All pharmacies or pharmacists included in this section are prohibited from linking an internet site with or relating a site, to any other site, business or practitioner that provides prescriptions for medications solely on the basis on an internet practitioner consultation questionnaire.

### **Section 15.** Return of Unused Prescription Drugs.

A pharmacist may:

(a) Accept and redistribute an unused prescription drug under the Wyoming Drug Donation Program Act, W.S. § 35-7-1601 et seq or its rules; or



(b) Accept and redistribute any unused prescription drug, or a part of it, after it has left the premises of the pharmacy if:

(i) The drug was intended for inpatients of an institutional facility and has been maintained in the custody and control of the institutional facility or dispensing pharmacy;

(ii) The drug was returned to the original dispensing pharmacy;

(iii) The drug is in a single unit dose or unit of use package or in the manufacturer's sealed container;

(iv) In the professional judgment of the PIC of the pharmacy, the safety and efficacy of the drug has not been compromised during transportation and storage;

(v) A system is in place to track the restocked drug for purposes of a recall; and

(vi) Accepting and redistributing of the drug complies with state and federal law.

(c) Accept those prescription drugs that were dispensed in a manner inconsistent with the prescriber's instructions for quarantine and destruction as allowed by state and federal law.

#### **Section 16.** Validity of Prescriptions.

A prescription written outside the scope of practice of the prescribing practitioner shall not be considered a valid prescription.

#### **~~Section 17.~~** ~~Reinstatement of Registered Pharmacist License After Failure to Renew, Returning from Inactive Status, Issuance of Duplicate License.~~

~~(a) If a person requests reinstatement of their registered pharmacist license when said license has lapsed only for failure to pay renewal fees, the person shall:~~

~~(i) Write a letter requesting consideration of reinstatement;~~

~~(ii) Pay all back renewal fees, including annual fines, up to a maximum of five (5) years;~~

~~(iii) Provide copies of approved continuing education (CE) certificates for those years the license was lapsed, to a maximum of five (5) years. All CE certificates must be from approved providers;~~

~~(iv) Provide at least two (2) recent letters from a pharmacist or a pharmacy owner attesting to good character;~~

~~(v) — If licensed outside Wyoming, provide a letter from the board of pharmacy in the state where licensed and currently practicing. This letter must state current license status and indicate if the license has been subject to any investigation or disciplinary action by the Board;~~

~~(vi) — Complete two (2) fingerprint cards, provided by the Board, and include a check made payable to the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to cover the cost of the criminal background history; and~~

~~(vii) — Provide a notarized employer affidavit attesting to the active practice of pharmacy in the year preceding the date of the application for reinstatement. Active practice requires that the pharmacist work a minimum of four hundred (400) hours during this time period.~~

~~(b) — Minimum competency for an inactive pharmacist shall be established to the satisfaction of the Board. When a registered pharmacist has been out of the practice of pharmacy for an extended period of time and wishes to reactivate that license, the Board shall determine on an individual basis the requirements needed to reactivate that license. The requirements may include the following:~~

~~(i) — Pass a jurisprudence examination;~~

~~(ii) — Internship under direct supervision. The internship period may vary depending upon how long the individual was out of practice; or~~

~~(iii) — Board interview.~~

## **Section 18. Prescriptions in General.**

(a) To be valid, the prescription, as defined in W.S. § 33-24-136(b), shall contain the following information:

(i) Name of patient;

(ii) Name and strength of drug;

(iii) Quantity to be dispensed;

(iv) Directions for using the drug;

(v) Date of issuance by practitioner;

(vi) Recognizable signature of the practitioner. The signature can be digital or electronic as defined in this chapter;

(vii) Prescriptions for controlled substances shall indicate the DEA number and address of the prescribing practitioner and address of the patient; and

(viii) In the case of a verbal order, the name of the authorized agent if conveyed by other than the prescribing practitioner.

(b) All verbal orders shall be recorded on a written or electronic prescription memorandum and filed, in accordance with W.S. § 33-24-136(a).

(c) Prescriptions may be transmitted by the pharmacist in written form; verbally, including telephone; fax; and electronic transmission. Schedule II controlled substance prescriptions may be transmitted by fax if they meet the conditions as outlined in this chapter. Controlled substance prescriptions may be transmitted electronically only to the extent allowed by federal and state law.

(d) Prescriptions received from out-of-state practitioners are valid only to the extent a practitioner licensed in Wyoming may prescribe that medication in Wyoming.

(e) The patient shall have the exclusive right to freedom of choice for any pharmacy to dispense prescription orders. No collaborative practice agreement between prescriber and pharmacy shall require that prescription orders be transmitted from the prescriber to only that pharmacy.

(f) The pharmacist shall be required to determine the accuracy and authenticity of all prescriptions received. Practitioners or their agents shall provide voice verification, when requested by the pharmacist. If refused, the prescription shall not be filled.

**Section 19.** Transmission of Prescription by Fax Machines.

(a) Prescriptions transmitted by fax shall include the following:

(i) Practitioner's recognizable signature;

(ii) A notation that this is a fax prescription;

(iii) Telephone number and fax number of the practitioner;

(iv) Name, address, telephone number and fax number of the pharmacy to which the prescription is being faxed;

(v) Date and time of fax; and

(vi) Name of the individual acting as the practitioner's agent if other than the practitioner.

(b) The originating fax prescription shall be put into the practitioner's patient file. It shall not be given to the patient.

(c) All fax machines used in transmitting prescriptions shall be programmed with a fax identification number so that the document received will show the sender's fax identification number.

(d) The fax machine for any receiving pharmacy shall be in the prescription department to protect patient confidentiality and shall utilize non-fading paper.

(e) Prescriptions for Schedules III, IV and V controlled substances may be transmitted by fax. Schedule II controlled substance prescriptions may be transmitted by fax if the Schedule II controlled substance prescription meets one of the following conditions:

(i) A prescription written for a Schedule II controlled substance to be compounded for the direct administration to a patient by parenteral, intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous or intraspinal infusion;

(ii) A prescription written for a Schedule II controlled substance for a resident of a long-term care facility; or

(iii) A prescription written for a Schedule II controlled substance for a "terminally ill" patient. The pharmacist shall so annotate a faxed Schedule prescription as being for a "terminally ill" patient.

(f) The fax copy received by the pharmacist shall be deemed the original prescription order and shall be maintained as required by statute.

(g) A faxed prescription may be dispensed only by the pharmacy receiving the fax.

**Section 20.** Prescription Refill Information.

(a) Prescription refill permission may be obtained in written fax or electronic form, or by verbal verification.

(b) If prescription refill authorization is obtained by fax, the authorizing practitioner shall initial the document. All other requirements for valid prescriptions shall apply, including the pharmacist's responsibility to determine authenticity of information obtained by fax.

**Section 21.** Fax Machines in General.

Using fax equipment to circumvent documentation, authenticity, verification or other standards of pharmacy practice shall be considered unprofessional conduct.

**Section 22.** Therapeutic Equivalents.

(a) Therapeutic equivalents do not include therapeutic substitutions. Therapeutic equivalent is defined in W.S. § 33-24-147(a)(v). Therapeutic substitution is that class of drug having the same or similar action, but not the identical composition.

(b) Pharmaceuticals that are considered to be therapeutic substitution instead of generic substitution shall not be used by retail/non-resident pharmacies. An institutional pharmacy using a formulary may reach a written agreement with members of the medical staff under which therapeutic substitution is permitted for use of formulary drugs.

**~~Section 23.~~** ~~Specific Requirements for Licensure of Non-Resident Pharmacies to Ship Prescription Drugs into the State.~~

~~(a) Any pharmacy operating from outside this State that ships, mails or delivers, in any manner, a dispensed prescription drug or legend drug to a patient in this State shall obtain and hold a non-resident pharmacy license and, if applicable, a controlled substance registration.~~

~~(b) Said pharmacy license and controlled substance application shall be on forms supplied by the Board staff and shall be accompanied by the following information:~~

~~(i) A copy of the pharmacy license from the state of residence;~~

~~(ii) A copy of the latest inspection report from the state of residence;~~

~~(iii) A copy of current DEA registration;~~

~~(iv) A list of partners, members, or principal officers and registered agent for service of process, if any; and~~

~~(v) A list of all registered pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, specifying the PIC.~~

~~(c) Pharmacy license and controlled substance registrations shall be renewed annually by July 1.~~

~~(d) The Board office shall be notified of any change in ownership or PIC within thirty (30) days.~~

~~(e) Each non-resident pharmacy shall comply with statutory or regulatory requirements of the Board including, but not limited to, the "Wyoming Drug Identification Act" (W.S. § 33-24-201 through 204) and the "Wyoming Generic Substitution Act" (W.S. § 33-24-146 through 151).~~

~~(f) Each non-resident pharmacy shall maintain records of all prescriptions dispensed to patients in the State in readily retrievable form.~~

~~(g) Each non-resident pharmacy shall maintain pharmacy hours that permit the timely dispensing of prescriptions to patients in this State and provide a toll free telephone service to facilitate communication between patients in this State and a pharmacist who has access to patient records.~~

~~(h) Counseling shall be accomplished on new prescriptions either verbally or by written information accompanying the dispensed prescription.~~

~~(i) The Board may revoke, deny, or suspend the license and registration of any non-resident pharmacy for violations of W.S. § 33-24-152 and this chapter.~~

**Section 24.** Fees (including examination, re-examination, license, license renewal, registration, registration renewal, mailing list and late fees).

(a) The Board shall charge the following fees:

(i) Pharmacist licensure by examination or re-examination shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) paid to the Board, plus the NABP fee for the NAPLEX® and the MPJE® paid to NABP;

(ii) Pharmacist licensure by reciprocity shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00) paid to the Board plus the NABP fee for licensure transfer application and the MPJE® paid to NABP;

(iii) Pharmacist licensure renewal shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year;

(iv) Pharmacy intern licensure shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and shall be renewed annually by September 30. Renewal fee shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00);

(v) Pharmacy technician licensure fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00);

(vi) Pharmacy technician-in-training permit shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00);

(vii) Pharmacy technician renewal fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year;

(viii) Resident retail pharmacy license and renewals shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per year;

(ix) Non-resident pharmacy license and renewals shall be three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year;

(x) A prescription drug manufacturer, distributor, reverse distributor, or wholesaler license and renewals shall be two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) per year;

(xi) Medical oxygen manufacturer or distributor license and renewals shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year;

(xii) Outsourcing facilities license and renewals shall be three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year;

(xiii) Third party logistics provider license and renewals shall be two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) per year;

(xiv) Wholesale distributors of prescription drugs for non-human use license and renewals shall be two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) per year;

(xv) Methamphetamine precursor retail distributor license and renewals shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year;

(xvi) Ancillary drug supply permit and renewals shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year;

(xvii) Institutional pharmacy license and renewals shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per year;

(xviii) The Board shall charge a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) fee for preparing and sending mailing lists of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy interns pharmacy technicians-in-training, pharmacies, controlled substance registrants and drug distributors. Each list shall constitute a separate mailing list. Federal and state agencies shall be exempt from payment of fees for mailing lists;

(xix) The Board shall charge a thirty-five dollar (\$35.00) fee to verify the license of any non-resident pharmacy, manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler or reverse distributor; and

(xx) Duplicate licenses may be issued upon request when a licensee's name changes or the license becomes damaged or destroyed. There shall be a twenty five dollar (\$25.00) fee charged for the duplicate license.

(b) The Board shall assess a late fee, in addition to the license or registration renewal fee, of licenses or registrants, as follows:

(i) A pharmacist whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after December 31 shall be assessed a late fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(ii) A pharmacy intern whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after September 30 shall be assessed a late fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(iii) A pharmacy technician whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after December 31 shall be assessed a late fee of thirty five dollars (\$35.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(iv) A resident pharmacy whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(v) A non-resident pharmacy whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(vi) A manufacturer, distributor, or wholesaler of prescription drug products (drugs or oxygen) whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(vii) A medical oxygen distributor whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(viii) An outsourcing facility whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(ix) A third party logistics provider whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) in addition to the license renewal fee;

(x) A wholesale distributor of prescription drugs for non-human use whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00); and

(xi) An institutional pharmacy whose license renewal application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office after June 30 shall be assessed a late fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in addition to the license renewal fee.

**Section 25.** Ancillary Drug Supply for Nursing Homes Hospices, Extended Care Facilities or Intermediate Care Facilities.

(a) Nursing homes, hospices, extended care facilities, or intermediate care facilities licensed by the Wyoming Department of Health may be issued a permit by the Board to



maintain an ancillary supply of drugs, both scheduled and non-scheduled subject to approval by the Board. The drugs maintained in the ancillary drug supply shall remain the property of the pharmacy to which the permit was jointly issued.

(i) The pharmacy servicing the facility or facilities listed in this chapter shall make application to the Board, on an application form provided by the Board. The Board may issue a permit, if the conditions of this section are met, in the name of the facility and the pharmacy authorizing the storage and use of an ancillary drug supply at the facility. This registration shall be valid until June 30 of each year. The permit must be renewed annually.

(ii) The fee for the permit shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) annually; and

(iii) The permit may be revoked by the Board, if conditions as outlined in this Section are not followed, or for other violations of the Wyoming Pharmacy Act or Wyoming Controlled Substances Act or Rules promulgated under said Acts.

(b) The ancillary drug supply shall be kept in a tamper-evident, sealed and secured container or secured automated dispensing device and used for:

(i) An emergency situation;

(ii) To temporarily replace unavailable medications; or

(iii) As a starter dose for the purpose of starting the initial therapy for a patient residing in a facility.

(c) The facility and the pharmacy servicing the facility shall develop and implement written policies and procedures to ensure safety, accuracy, accountability, security, resident confidentiality and maintenance of the quality, potency and purity of the ancillary drug supply, including the formulary.

(i) Copies of the most recent drug supply policy and procedure manual shall be on file at both the facility and the pharmacy servicing the facility.

(ii) The ancillary drug supply policy and procedure manual shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Consultant Pharmacist of the facility and the facility's Director of Nursing.

(d) The ancillary drug supply stored in an automated dispensing device shall only be stocked and restocked by a pharmacist licensed by this Board or a registered pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern under his or her supervision.

(e) Drugs administered from the ancillary drug supply shall be limited to the following:

(i) A legend drug order given by the practitioner to a nurse for administration to a resident of a facility. Enough medication may be taken to cover dosing for ninety-six (96) hours or less, until the next scheduled delivery from the pharmacy. The pharmacist must be notified of the removal of medication within forty-eight (48) hours, to review the practitioner's order and resident's profile for potential contraindications and adverse drug reactions; and

(ii) Removal of any controlled substance can only be done after the pharmacist has received an order from the practitioner or verified that a prescription exists. No controlled substance can be removed from the ancillary box until the pharmacist grants access.

(f) If the pharmacy servicing the facility discontinues its service, the Board must be notified and the permit surrendered. If the new pharmacy provider desires to maintain an ancillary drug supply, the new pharmacy provider must make application to the Board.

(g) Facilities described in this section are if the pharmacy providing their ancillary drug supply is physically located at the same site as the facility and this pharmacy possesses a DEA registration and is licensed by the Board.

**~~Section 26.~~** ~~Reinstatement of a Revoked or Suspended Pharmacist or Pharmacy Technician License.~~

~~(a) A pharmacist or pharmacy technician whose license has been revoked or suspended by the Board may file an application, on a form supplied by the Board, requesting a hearing to present evidence to show why the license should be reinstated subject to the following:~~

~~(i) A pharmacist or pharmacy technician whose license was revoked by the Board may not file an application requesting a hearing until thirty-six (36) months have elapsed from the date the order revoking the pharmacist or pharmacy technician license became final;~~

~~(ii) A pharmacist or pharmacy technician whose license was suspended by the Board may not file an application requesting a hearing until one-half (1/2) of the suspension so-ordered by the Board has elapsed;~~

~~(iii) A pharmacist shall submit an application fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and pay for the cost of the hearing, if the Board issues an order denying reinstatement. The application fee is nonrefundable;~~

~~(iv) A pharmacy technician shall submit an application fee of one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00) and pay for the cost of the hearing, if the Board issues an order denying reinstatement. The application fee is nonrefundable;~~

~~(v) The applicant must complete all questions and provide all information requested on the application;~~

~~(vi) — An incomplete application and the accompanying fee will be returned and a hearing date will not be set by the Board; and~~

~~(vii) — In the application, the pharmacist or pharmacy technician shall authorize any health professional who has examined or treated the applicant to disclose a diagnosis and the reasons for it to the Board and the Board staff.~~

~~(b) — Applications received by the Board will be reviewed by the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall:~~

~~(i) — Review the application for completeness. If information or attachments are missing, the application and fee will be returned to the applicant with a letter stating the reason(s) for the rejection; and~~

~~(ii) — If the application is complete, the Executive Director, in consultation with a Compliance Officer, a member of the Board and the Board's Prosecuting Attorney shall make a decision if the evidence submitted supports reinstatement. The Executive Director will notify the applicant whether the Board staff will support or oppose the request for reinstatement. If not, a hearing for reinstatement shall be scheduled by the Executive Director, if requested by the applicant.~~

~~(c) — The Executive Director may require the applicant to submit to an examination by a health professional chosen by Board staff. The health professional shall report on the examination to Board staff and may testify at a hearing on reinstatement. Cost for the examination shall be the responsibility of the applicant.~~

~~(d) — To be reinstated, a pharmacist must prove that he or she has been rehabilitated so that further violation of Wyoming Statutes and Board rules is not likely to occur, and that he or she is competent to practice pharmacy. The Board may, as a condition to establish competency, require successful completion of one or more of the following:~~

~~(i) — The NAPLEX® with a minimum score of 75;~~

~~(ii) — The MPJE® with a minimum score of 75; or~~

~~(iii) — An internship, not to exceed 1,200 hours, as prescribed by the Board.~~

~~(e) — To be reinstated, a pharmacy technician must prove that he or she has been rehabilitated so that further violation of Wyoming Statutes and Board rules is not likely to occur, and that he or she is competent to function as a pharmacy technician. The Board, as a condition to establish competency, may require successful completion of the PTCB Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination.~~

**~~Section 27. Collaborative Pharmacist Care.~~**

~~(a) — A pharmacist planning to engage in collaborative practice shall have on file at the pharmacist's place of practice a written, signed collaborative practice agreement approved by the Board. This collaborative practice agreement allows the pharmacist, acting within the pharmacist's collaborative scope of practice, to conduct MTM approved by a prescribing practitioner acting within the scope of the practitioner's current practice.~~

~~(b) — The collaborative practice agreement shall include:~~

~~(i) — The names of the prescribing practitioner and the pharmacist who are parties to the collaborative practice agreement;~~

~~(ii) — The specific types of MTM decisions that the pharmacist is allowed to make, which shall include:~~

~~(A) — The types of diseases, drugs or drug categories involved, and the extent of MTM allowed in each case;~~

~~(B) — The methods, procedures, decision criteria and plan the pharmacist is to follow when conducting MTM; and~~

~~(C) — The procedures the pharmacist is to follow in the course of conducting MTM, including documentation of decisions and a plan or appropriate mechanism for communication and reporting to the prescribing practitioner concerning specific decisions. Documentation of decisions shall occur in the prescribing practitioner patient medical record. If the medical record is not available at the practice site, a copy of the documentation of decisions will be sent to the prescribing practitioner.~~

~~(iii) — A method for the prescribing practitioner to monitor compliance with the collaborative practice agreement and clinical outcomes when MTM by the pharmacist has occurred and to intercede when necessary;~~

~~(iv) — A provision that allows the prescribing practitioner to override the collaborative practice agreement whenever deemed necessary or appropriate;~~

~~(v) — A provision allowing the practitioner, pharmacist and patient or patient's agent, parent or guardian to cancel the collaborative practice agreement at any time by written notice to all parties. The pharmacist shall retain the original notice of cancellation for two (2) years; and~~

~~(vi) — The signatures of the pharmacist and prescribing practitioner who are entering into the collaborative practice agreement and the dates when signed.~~

~~(c) — MTM shall occur only for a particular patient pursuant to a specific written order from the prescribing practitioner. The written order shall conform to the format established by the Board and shall include the following as a minimum:~~

- ~~(i) — Patient's name, gender, date of birth, height and weight;~~
- ~~(ii) — Allergies;~~
- ~~(iii) — Medical diagnosis;~~
- ~~(iv) — All current medication(s), including current dosages (including any laboratory test);~~
- ~~(v) — Method of communicating information between pharmacist and practitioner;~~
- ~~(vi) — Frequency of practitioner follow-up;~~
- ~~(vii) — Date the order will be renewed (specific order must be renewed annually); and~~
- ~~(viii) — Signatures of the practitioner, pharmacist and patient or the patient's agent, parent or guardian, and date signed.~~

~~(d) — A pharmacist providing MTM for a patient shall obtain written consent from the patient or the patient's agent, parent or guardian prior to providing this service. MTM shall not be implemented for a particular patient, if the patient or patient's agent, parent or guardian refuses to give written consent after being informed of the responsibility for payment.~~

~~(e) — At a minimum, the written collaborative practice agreement shall be reviewed and renewed annually. If necessary, the collaborative practice agreement may be revised. The Board must approve all revisions, once signed by the pharmacist and the prescribing practitioner, prior to implementation. The Board shall review and approve all collaborative practice agreements, including revisions, prior to implementation. This shall be accomplished as follows:~~

~~(i) — The Board shall appoint a Collaborative Practice Advisory Committee. The Committee shall be composed of five (5) members. Composition shall be two (2) pharmacists currently licensed by the Board and in active practice in Wyoming, one of whom is a current member of the Board; two (2) physicians currently licensed by the Wyoming State Board of Medicine and in active practice in Wyoming one of whom is a current member of the Board of Medicine; and the Board of Pharmacy Executive Director;~~

~~(ii) — A pharmacist who has developed a collaborative practice agreement shall forward five (5) copies of the signed collaborative practice agreement to the Board. The Executive Director shall convene the Committee to review pending collaborative practice~~

~~agreements. The Committee shall have authority to recommend approval or rejection of the collaborative practice agreement;~~

~~(iii) The recommendation of the Committee shall be reported to the Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting or as needed. The Board's decision will be delivered to the pharmacist and prescribing practitioner within ten (10) days of the Board's decision; and~~

~~(iv) The pharmacist submitting a collaborative practice agreement or revisions to an approved collaborative practice agreement to the Board shall not practice under the collaborative practice agreement until notified of approval by the Executive Director.~~

~~(f) A pharmacist and prescribing practitioner entering into a collaborative practice agreement must be currently licensed by their respective boards and authorized to practice in this State.~~

~~(g) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to permit a pharmacist to accept delegation of a physician's authority outside the limits included in W.S. § 33-26-402 of the Medical Practice Act and the Wyoming State Board of Medicine regulations.~~

#### **Section 28.** Electronic Prescription Transmission.

(a) Prescriptions of electronic transmission shall fulfill these requirements to be valid:

(i) Be transmitted to a licensed pharmacy of the patient's choice, exactly as transmitted by the prescribing practitioner or designated agent;

(ii) Identify the transmitter's telephone number for verbal confirmation of the time and date of transmission and the identity of the pharmacy intended to receive the transmission, as well as any other information required by federal or state laws and regulations;

(iii) Be transmitted by an authorized practitioner using a digital or an electronic signature unique to the practitioner, if the transmission is from computer to computer or from computer to fax machine; and

(iv) The electronic transmission shall be deemed the original prescription drug order, provided it is readily retrievable through the pharmacy computer system and meets those requirements outlined in W.S. § 33-24-136. The electronic transmission shall be maintained for two (2) years from the date of last dispensing.

(b) The pharmacist shall exercise professional judgment regarding the accuracy, validity and authenticity of the prescription communicated by electronic transmission consistent with existing federal or state laws and regulations;

(c) All electronic equipment for receipt of prescriptions communicated by way of electronic transmission shall be maintained to prevent unauthorized access;

(d) Hard copy prescriptions presented to the patient that are generated from electronic media utilizing an electronic signature shall be applied to paper that utilizes security features that will ensure that the prescription is not subject to any form of copying or alterations;

(e) Prescriptions may be transmitted by fax to fax, as allowed in this chapter;

(f) Prescriptions submitted by electronic transmission shall include all the features listed in this chapter;

(g) Electronic prescriptions for controlled substances shall include the requirements of 21 CFR § 1311.10, including:

(i) The practitioner may issue a prescription for a Schedule II, III, IV or V controlled substance electronically if an electronic prescription application is used that has been certified by a third party auditor to ensure that the electronic prescription application records, stores and transmits the prescription accurately and consistently and that the individual practitioner has obtained a two-factor authentication credential for signing;

(ii) The electronic prescription application must transmit the electronic prescription as soon as possible after signature by the practitioner and the contents of the prescription must not be altered during transmission between the practitioner and pharmacy; and

(iii) The pharmacy receiving the electronic prescription must determine the third-party certification has found that the pharmacy application accurately and consistently imports, stores and displays the information required for the prescription, including the number of refills and the practitioner's digital signature.

**~~Section 29. — Resident Retail Pharmacy Closure or Change of Ownership.~~**

~~(a) — Resident Retail Pharmacy Closure. Not less than twenty one (21) days prior to a resident retail pharmacy, licensed by the Board, permanently ceasing operation, the Board shall receive written notice of the following:~~

~~(i) — The last day the retail pharmacy will be open for business;~~

~~(ii) — The proposed disposition of all prescription files, both hard copy and electronic records;~~

~~(iii) — The proposed disposition of all prescription drug inventory, including controlled and non-controlled prescription drug products;~~

~~(iv) — The proposed method of communicating to the public the last day the pharmacy will be open for business, the location of prescription records after the pharmacy closes, and how the patients can arrange for transfer of their prescription records to a~~

~~pharmacy of their choice. Included in this communication shall be a description of the method of transfer of prescription records, including the last day a transfer may be made from the pharmacy closing and the initial date the prescription may be transferred from the pharmacy that acquired the prescription records. Communication to the public must begin no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the last day the pharmacy will be open for business;~~

~~(v) — If prescription records are not transferred to another pharmacy, the name, address and telephone number of the custodian of prescription records must be provided. Prescription records must be maintained for two (2) years from the date of closure;~~

~~(vi) — The scheduled date to have all signage removed from the exterior and interior of the building that includes the wording “drug,” “pharmacy,” “drugstore,” “Rx,” “Apothecary” or other terms or symbols that might indicate or signify by any advertising medium that such an establishment is a licensed pharmacy;~~

~~(vii) — The name, address and telephone number of the custodian of records for the following documents, which must be maintained for two (2) years from the date of closure:~~

~~(A) — Completed DEA 222 forms or retrievable electronic equivalent;~~

~~(B) — Invoices for purchases of Schedule III, IV and V controlled substances; and~~

~~(C) — Patient signature logs.~~

~~(viii) — The date the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) was contacted regarding the closure and that all invoices and DEA 222 forms referencing the sale of controlled substances at closure, blank DEA 222 forms, and the DEA registration certificate were returned to the regional DEA office;~~

~~(ix) — At the close of business on the last day the retail pharmacy is open for business, a controlled substance inventory, including all Schedule II, III, IV and V controlled substances, shall be taken. This inventory shall be dated and signed by the PIC. A copy shall be provided to the Board;~~

~~(x) — An inspection of the pharmacy shall be conducted by the Board after the retail pharmacy has closed for business and all prescription drug stock has been removed. At the time of inspection, the following documents shall be provided to the Compliance Officer:~~

~~(A) — A copy of the final controlled substance inventory;~~

~~(B) — Documentation, as noted in this chapter, regarding notification to the public of the closure of the retail pharmacy;~~

~~(C) — The Wyoming retail pharmacy license;~~



~~(D) — Documentation of the transfer of all prescription drug inventory (controlled and non-controlled) to a third party authorized to have such possession of inventory. Under no circumstance may prescription drug inventory remain in the possession of a person or business not authorized by law to have possession; and~~

~~(E) — Any changes to information previously provided to the Board as required in this chapter.~~

~~(xi) — It is unprofessional conduct for a retail pharmacy to close in a manner other than that prescribed in this chapter; and~~

~~(xii) — If a retail pharmacy purchases the patient prescription records (electronic and hard copy prescription), those records shall be maintained by the acquiring retail pharmacy for a minimum of two (2) years from the date of closure.~~

~~(b) — Resident Retail Pharmacy Change of Ownership. When a change of ownership necessitates a change of DEA registration number, the following is required:~~

~~(i) — Not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to a resident retail pharmacy, licensed by the Board, changing ownership, without closing, the Board shall receive written notice of the following:~~

~~(A) — The last day the seller will have ownership of the retail pharmacy;~~

~~(B) — The proposed disposition of all prescription files, including both hard copy and electronic records;~~

~~(C) — The proposed transfer of the prescription drug inventory, including controlled and non-controlled prescription drug products;~~

~~(D) — The proposed method of communicating to the public the change in ownership, not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the date the ownership will change;~~

~~(E) — The name, address and telephone number of the custodian of records for the following documents of the seller, which must be retained for two (2) years from the date of the transfer of ownership:~~

~~(I) — Completed DEA 222 forms or retrievable electronic equivalent;~~

~~(II) — Invoice for purchases of Schedule III, IV and V controlled substances; and~~

~~(III) — Patient signature logs.~~

~~(F) — The date the DEA was contacted regarding the change of ownership and confirmation that all invoices and DEA 222 forms referencing the sale of controlled substances at closure, blank DEA 222 forms, and the DEA registration certificate were delivered to the regional DEA office.~~

~~(ii) — At the close of business on the last date the pharmacy is under the prior ownership, a controlled substance inventory, including all Schedule II, III, IV and V controlled substances shall be taken. This inventory shall be dated and signed by the PIC from the prior and the new ownership. A copy shall be provided to the Board;~~

~~(iii) — An inspection of the pharmacy shall be conducted by the Board after the change in ownership. The following documents shall be provided to the Compliance Officer:~~

~~(A) — Documentation of the transfer of all controlled and non-controlled prescription drug inventory will be provided to the Board. Under no circumstances may prescription drug inventory remain in the possession of the person or business not authorized to have possession;~~

~~(B) — The Wyoming retail pharmacy license of the prior owner;~~

~~(C) — Any changes to information previously provided to the Board as required in this chapter;~~

~~(D) — Information necessary to process a new Wyoming retail pharmacy license, including information about the new PIC; and~~

~~(E) — Information necessary to process a new Wyoming controlled substance registration and federal DEA registration.~~

~~(iv) — It is unprofessional conduct for a retail pharmacy to transfer ownership in a manner other than that prescribed in this chapter.~~

**~~Section 30. — Institutional Pharmacy Closure.~~**

~~(a) — Not less than twenty one (21) days prior to an institutional pharmacy licensed by the Board permanently ceasing operation, the Board shall receive written notice of the following:~~

~~(i) — The last day the institutional pharmacy will be open for business;~~

~~(ii) — The proposed disposition of all prescription drug inventory including controlled and non-controlled prescription drug products;~~

~~(iii) — The name, address and telephone number of the custodian of records for the following documents, which must be maintained for two (2) years from the date of closure:~~

~~(A) — Completed DEA 222 forms or retrievable electronic equivalent;~~  
~~(B) — Invoices for purchases of Schedule III, IV and V controlled substances; and~~

~~(C) — Patient specific records.~~

~~(iv) — The date the DEA was contacted regarding the closure and confirmation that all invoices and DEA 222 forms referencing the sale of controlled substances at closure, blank DEA 222 forms and the DEA registration certificate were delivered to the regional DEA office.~~

~~(b) — At the close of business on the last day the institutional pharmacy is open for business, a controlled substance inventory, including all Schedule II, III, IV and V controlled substances shall be taken. This inventory shall be dated and signed by the PIC. A copy shall be provided to the Board.~~

~~(c) — An inspection of the pharmacy shall be conducted by the Board after the institutional pharmacy has closed for business and all prescription drug stock has been removed. At the time of inspection, the following documents shall be provided to the Compliance Officer:~~

~~(i) — A copy of the final controlled substance inventory;~~

~~(ii) — The Wyoming institutional pharmacy license;~~

~~(iii) — Documentation of the transfer of all prescription drug inventory (controlled and non-controlled) to a third party authorized to have such possession of inventory. Under no circumstances may prescription drug inventory remain in the possession of a person or business that is not authorized by law to have possession; and~~

~~(iv) — Any changes to information previously provided to the Board, as required in this chapter.~~

~~(d) — It is unprofessional conduct for an institutional pharmacy to close in a manner than that prescribed in this chapter.~~

### **Section 31. Drug Samples.**

It is unprofessional conduct for a licensee in an institutional or a retail pharmacy to distribute or dispense prescription drug samples.

**Section 32.** Centralized Prescription Processing.

(a) Definitions specific to this Section:

(i) “Centralized prescription processing,” as used in this Section, means the processing by a pharmacy of a request from another pharmacy to refill a prescription drug order or to perform functions such as prospective or retrospective drug use review, claims adjudication, refill authorizations and therapeutic interventions.

(ii) “Dispensing pharmacy,” as used in this Section, means a pharmacy that may outsource the processing of a prescription drug order to another pharmacy licensed by the Board.

(iii) “Central fill pharmacy,” as used in this Section, means a pharmacy that processes a prescription drug order that was outsourced by a dispensing pharmacy licensed by the Board.

(iv) “Real-time,” as used in this Section, means the transmission of information through data links so rapid that the information is available to the dispensing pharmacy and requesting pharmacy sites simultaneously.

(b) Minimum requirements:

(i) A dispensing pharmacy may outsource prescription drug order processing to another pharmacy licensed by the Board, provided the pharmacies:

(A) Have the same owner;

(B) Have entered into a written agreement, which complies with federal and state laws and regulations, specifying the services to be provided and the responsibilities and accountabilities of each pharmacy;

(C) Share a real-time database; and

(D) Maintain the original prescription at the dispensing pharmacy for a time period not less than two (2) years from the date last filled or refilled.

(ii) The PIC of the central fill pharmacy shall ensure that:

(A) The pharmacy maintains and uses storage or shipment containers and shipping processes that ensure drug stability and potency. Shipping processes shall include the use of appropriate packaging material or devices that ensure the drug is maintained at a temperature range that will maintain the integrity of the medication throughout the delivery process; and

(B) The dispensed prescriptions are shipped in containers sealed in such a manner as to show evidence of opening or tampering.

(iii) A resident dispensing or central fill pharmacy shall comply with the provisions of W.S. § 33-24-113 and this Section.

(iv) A dispensing or central fill pharmacy dispensing compounded non-sterile or sterile pharmaceuticals shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 13 or Chapter 17 of these rules.

(c) Notifications to patients. A pharmacy that outsources prescription processing to another pharmacy shall:

(i) Notify patients that their prescription may be outsourced to another pharmacy prior to outsourcing the prescription via posted signage, written notification or refill telephone message; and

(ii) If the prescription is delivered to the patient directly by the central fill pharmacy, the pharmacist employed by the central fill pharmacy shall ensure that the patient receives written notice of available counseling. Such notice shall include days and hours of availability, location of pharmacy and a toll-free telephone number the patient may utilize to contact a pharmacist for counseling or to answer questions. Such notice shall be included in each prescription delivery to a patient.

(d) Prescription labeling.

(i) The prescription label shall clearly indicate which pharmacy filled the prescription and which pharmacy dispensed the prescription; and

(ii) The prescription label shall comply with this chapter.

(e) Policies and Procedures. A policy and procedures manual relating to centralized processing shall be maintained at both pharmacies and shall be available for inspection. Each pharmacy is required to maintain only those portions of the policy and procedure manual that relate to that pharmacy's operation. The manual shall:

(i) Outline the responsibilities of each of the pharmacies;

(ii) Include a list of the names, addresses, telephone numbers and all license/registration numbers of the pharmacies involved in centralized prescription processing; and

(iii) Include policies and procedures for:

(A) Notifying patients that their prescription may be outsourced to another pharmacy for centralized prescription processing and providing the name of that pharmacy;

(B) Protecting the confidentiality and integrity of patient information;

(C) Dispensing prescription drug orders when the filled order is not received or the patient comes in before the order is received;

(D) Complying with federal and state laws and regulations;

(E) Operating a continuous quality improvement program for pharmacy services designed to objectively and systematically monitor and evaluate the quality and appropriateness of patient care, pursue opportunities to improve patient care, and resolve identified problems;

(F) Identifying the pharmacist responsible for each aspect of prescription preparation including, but not limited to, the drug regimen review, the initial electronic entry, any changes or modifications to the prescription record or patient profile and the final check of the completed prescription;

(G) Identifying the pharmacist responsible for making the offer to counsel the patients as required by Chapter 9 of these rules; and

(H) Documentation of annual review of the written policies and procedures.

(f) Records.

(i) Records shall be maintained in a real-time electronic database;

(ii) Each pharmacy shall comply with all the laws and rules relating to the maintenance of records and be able to produce an audit trail showing all prescriptions dispensed by the pharmacy and each pharmacist's or technician's involvement in dispensing;

(iii) The dispensing pharmacy shall maintain records which indicate:

(A) The date and time the request for processing was transmitted to the central fill pharmacy; and

(B) The date and time the dispensed prescription was received from the central fill pharmacy by the dispensing pharmacy, including the method of delivery (e.g., private, common or contract carrier) and the name of the person accepting delivery unless shipped directly to the patient.

(iv) The central fill pharmacy shall maintain records which indicate the date the prescription was shipped to the dispensing pharmacy or patient.

**Section 33.** Automated Storage and Distribution Systems.

(a) Before using an automated storage and distribution system, a PIC shall ensure that the automated storage and distribution system and the policies and procedures comply with this chapter.

(b) The PIC shall establish policies and procedures for appropriate performance and use of the automated storage and distribution system that:

(i) Ensure that the automated storage and distribution system is in good working order while maintaining appropriate recordkeeping and security safeguards. This is to include the ability to store at the required temperature;

(ii) Ensure that an automated storage and distribution system used by a pharmacy that allows access to drug or devices by a patient:

(A) Only allows patient access to prescriptions that:

(I) Do not require an offer to counsel by a pharmacist as specified in W.S. § 33-24-136(c);

(II) Are properly labeled and verified by a pharmacist before placement into the automated storage and distribution system and subsequent release to patients; and

(III) Are not a Schedule II controlled substance under the Wyoming Controlled Substances Act.

(B) Allows a patient to choose whether or not to use the system;

(C) Is located inside a building in a wall of a licensed pharmacy where the pharmacy staff has access to the device from within the pharmacy and patients have access from outside the pharmacy and is attached to the wall in such a manner that prevents unauthorized removal;

(D) Provides a method to identify the patient and only release the identified patient's prescriptions;

(E) Is secure from access and removal of drugs or devices by unauthorized individuals;

(F) Provides a method for a patient to obtain consultation with a pharmacist, if requested by the patient; and

(G) Prevents dispensing of refilled prescriptions, if a pharmacist determines that the patient requires counseling.

(iii) Ensure that an automated storage and distribution system used by a pharmacy that allows access to drugs or devices for the purposes of administration only by authorized licensed personnel based on a valid prescription order or medication order.

(A) Provides for adequate security to prevent unauthorized individuals from accessing or obtaining drugs or devices; and

(B) Ensures the filling, stocking or restocking of all drugs or devices in the system may be done only by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician.

(iv) Implement an ongoing quality assurance program that monitors compliance with the established policies and procedures of the automated storage and distribution system and federal and state law.

(c) The PIC shall:

(i) Ensure the policies and procedures for the performance and use of an automated storage and distribution system are prepared, implemented and complied with;

(ii) Review and document annually and, if necessary, revise the policies and procedures required under this Section; and

(iii) Make the policies and procedures available for employee reference and inspection by the Board within the pharmacy and at any location outside the pharmacy where the automated storage and distribution system is used.

(d) The Board may prohibit a PIC from using an automated storage and distribution system if the pharmacy licensee or the pharmacy licensee's employees do not comply with the requirements of this Section.

#### **Section 34. Electronic Records of Prescriptions.**

Pursuant to W.S. § 33-24-136, a written or electronic record of a prescription shall be maintained and available for inspection by agents of the Board for a period of two (2) years from the date it is filed, as follows:

(a) The pharmacy system shall ensure the validity and retrievability of the original prescription information;

(b) A pharmacy shall be authorized to maintain an exact digitized image of the prescription drug order in an electronic record-keeping system;



(c) Faxed prescriptions received in electronic format may be electronically stored and maintained in a readily retrievable format;

(d) Electronically transmitted prescriptions may be electronically stored and maintained in a readily retrievable format;

(e) A pharmacy may retain any hard copy prescriptions in numerical or date order; and

(f) Disposal of the hard copy must be in a secure destruction method to ensure privacy and confidentiality of the contents.

**Section 35.** Drug Disposal Including Controlled Substances.

Information for patients regarding disposal of their personal prescription drugs that are outdated, unusable, or no longer prescribed is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Section 36.** Dangerous Substance List.

Pursuant to W.S. § 33-24-127, the Board adopts the most recent edition and its supplements of section 3.1 "Prescription Drug Product List" of the FDA's *Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations*, as the official listing of Dangerous Substances for the State of Wyoming is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Section 37.** Incorporation by Reference.

(a) Any code, standard, rule or regulation incorporated by reference does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter beyond the applicable date identified in subsection (c) of this section.

(i) The Board has determined that incorporation of the full text in these rules would be cumbersome or inefficient given the length or nature of the rules;

(ii) The incorporation by reference does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter beyond the applicable date identified in subsection (b) of this section; and

The incorporated code, standard, rule or regulation is maintained at Board's office and is available for public inspection and copying at cost at the same location.

(b) Each rule incorporated by reference in these rules is further identified as follows:

(i) The standard incorporated by reference in this section of these rules is "Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations (Orange Book)," 36th Edition, 2016 as existing on January 17, 2017 including amendments adopted by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as of that date. The products in this list have been approved under

section 505 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Copies of this standard can be obtained from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Office of Medical Products and Tobacco, center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Office of Generic Drugs, Office of Generic Drug Policy at the following location: [www.fda.gov/Drugs/InformationOnDrugs/ApprovedDrugs/ApprovedDrugProductswithTherapeuticEquivalenceEvaluationsOrangeBook/default.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/InformationOnDrugs/ApprovedDrugs/ApprovedDrugProductswithTherapeuticEquivalenceEvaluationsOrangeBook/default.htm).

(ii) The incorporated standard for disposal of personal prescription drugs is available on the internet at: [www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/EnsuringSafeUseofMedicine/SafeDisposalofMedicines/ucm186187.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/EnsuringSafeUseofMedicine/SafeDisposalofMedicines/ucm186187.htm);

(iii) The incorporated standard for disposal of controlled substances by DEA registrants is available on the internet at [www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/fed\\_regs/rules/2014/2014-20926.pdf](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/fed_regs/rules/2014/2014-20926.pdf); and

(iv) The standard incorporated by reference in these rules is the Federal Register Volume 79. No. 174, Tuesday, September 9, 2014, Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, 21 CFR Parts 1300, 1301, 1304, specifically § 1317.30 through § 1317.95 disposal of Controlled Substances: Final Rule. Copies of this rule can be obtained from the DEA at [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/fed\\_regs/rules/2014/2014-20926.pdf](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/fed_regs/rules/2014/2014-20926.pdf).

## PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGULATIONS

### CHAPTER 10

#### **Section 1. Authority.**

These rules are promulgated as authorized by the Wyoming Pharmacy Act W.S. § 33-24-101 through -301.

#### **Section 2. Purpose.**

To regulate the practice of pharmacy technicians.

#### **Section 3. Scope.**

Applies to all applicants.

#### **Section 4. Definitions.**

(a) "Pharmacy Technician" means an individual, other than an intern, who performs pharmacy functions under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist.

(b) "Pharmacy Technician-in-Training" means an individual who is registered with the Board to receive on-the-job training in preparation for licensure as a pharmacy technician.

#### **Section 5. Qualifications and Requirements for Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacy Technicians-in-Training.**

- (a) Be at least 18 years of age;
- (b) Complete a background check through the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI);
- (c) Have no history of drug abuse or provide satisfactory evidence of rehabilitation;
- (d) Hold a high school diploma or its equivalent;
- (e) Have completed requirements for registration;
- (f) Wear a name badge with the appropriate designation "Pharmacy Technician" or "Pharmacy Technician-in-Training" at all times when in or near the pharmacy area; and
- (g) Identify themselves as the appropriate level of technician in all telephone conversations while on duty.

**Section 5. Pharmacy Technician-in-Training Registration; Length of Registration Period; Training; Place of Employment; Change of Employment.**

(a) A pharmacy technician-in-training shall apply to the Board for a training permit on an application supplied by the Board and shall pay the fee required before starting on-the-job training. This permit shall be valid for two years from the date of original issuance. It shall not be renewed. The sponsoring pharmacy shall be printed on the technician-in-training permit. A change in sponsoring pharmacy requires immediate submission of a transfer form;

(b) A pharmacy technician-in-training may perform pharmacy functions commensurate with his/her ability to perform those tasks as identified in this Chapter, and then only to the extent allowed by the pharmacist-in-charge (PIC). The pharmacy technician-in-training is considered a trainee. The supervising pharmacist shall not allow the pharmacy technician-in-training to perform any pharmacy function for which the individual has not demonstrated competency; and

(c) A pharmacy technician-in-training may perform pharmacy functions only at the pharmacy location specified on the permit.

**Section 6. Pharmacy Functions for Technicians-in-Training.**

The following are those pharmacy functions a registered pharmacy technician-in-training may perform under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist:

(a) Retail Pharmacy.

(i) Prescription preparation – retrieving the product from stock, counting, pouring, reconstituting, placing product in a prescription container, and affixing the label;

(ii) Prescription input – making computer entires for new or refill prescriptions;

(iii) Prescription refill authorizations – contacting the practitioner’s office and obtaining refill authorizations for any prescription provided there are no changes; and

(iv) Restocking emergency drug supply – restocking drugs for those sites where the pharmacy as an emergency drug permit.

(b) Institutional Pharmacy.

(i) Distributive functions – stocking automated drug dispensing units, floor stock, crash carts, after-hour drug cabinets, sterile solutions and unit dose cart preparation;

(ii) Repackaging unit dose and/or unit of issue packaging;

(iii) Inspections – conducting inspections; and

- (iv) Input practitioner medication orders.

#### **Section 7. Pharmacy Technician Registration; Fees; Licenses.**

(a) Individuals shall apply for pharmacy technician licensure by completing an application supplied by the Board, providing evidence of current certification by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) or National Healthcareer Association (ExCPT) and paying the required fee. The Board reserves the right to require an interview of the applicant prior to a pharmacy technician license being issued;

(b) A pharmacy technician must apply to renew his/her license each year on or before December 31 and submit payment of the required renewal fee. The Board shall assess a late payment fee for any renewal application postmarked or filed after December 31.

(c) If the pharmacy technician fails to renew before December 31, the license expires ten (10) days after a written notice to renew is sent to the holder by certified mail, to the address last recorded for the licensee. An expired license may be restored by the Board upon compliance with this section no later than March 31 following expiration of the license. A pharmacy technician shall not practice in this state with an expired technician license;

(d) A pharmacy technician may petition the Board for reinstatement of an expired license. To be considered for reinstatement, the pharmacy technician must submit the following:

- (i) A letter requesting reinstatement;

- (ii) Payment of annual fees, including late payment fees, for those years which the license was expired up to a maximum of five years;

- (iii) Evidence of current certification by the PTCB or EXCPT; and

- (iv) Proof of continuing pharmacy education for those years the license was expired, up to a maximum of five (5) years.

(e) A pharmacy technician who fails to obtain the required number of continuing education credits may be issued an “inactive” license. A pharmacy technician may not practice in Wyoming with an “inactive” license. An “inactive” license may be converted to “active” status by providing the necessary hours of continuing education credits for those years the license has been “inactive” to a maximum of five (5) years; and

(f) If change of employment or mailing address occurs, the Board shall be notified within 30 days of date of change by the pharmacy technician.

**Section 8. Reinstatement of a Revoked or Suspended Pharmacy Technician License.**

(a) A pharmacy technician whose license has been revoked or suspended by the Board may file an application, on a form supplied by the Board, requesting a hearing to present evidence to show why the license should be reinstated subject to the following:

(i) A pharmacy technician whose license was revoked by the Board may not file an application requesting a hearing until thirty-six (36) months have elapsed from the date the order revoking the pharmacy technician license became final;

(ii) A pharmacy technician whose license was suspended by the Board may not file an application requesting a hearing until one-half (1/2) of the suspension so ordered by the Board has elapsed;

(iii) A pharmacy technician shall submit an application fee of one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00) and pay for the cost of the hearing, if the Board issues an order denying reinstatement. The application fee is nonrefundable;

(iv) The applicant must complete all questions and provide all information requested on the application;

(v) An incomplete application and the accompanying fee will be returned and a hearing date will not be set by the Board; and

(vi) In the application, the pharmacy technician shall authorize any health professional who has examined or treated the applicant to disclose a diagnosis and the reasons for it to the Board and the Board staff.

(b) Applications received by the Board will be reviewed by the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall:

(i) Review the application for completeness. If information or attachments are missing, the application and fee will be returned to the applicant with a letter stating the reason(s) for the rejection; and

(ii) If the application is complete, the Executive Director, in consultation with a Compliance Officer, a member of the Board and the Board's Prosecuting Attorney shall make a decision if the evidence submitted supports reinstatement. The Executive Director will notify the applicant whether the Board staff will support or oppose the request for reinstatement. If not, a hearing for reinstatement shall be scheduled by the Executive Director, if requested by the applicant.

(c) The Executive Director may require the applicant to submit to an examination by a health professional chosen by Board staff. The health professional shall report on the

examination to Board staff and may testify at a hearing on reinstatement. Cost for the examination shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

(d) To be reinstated, a pharmacy technician must prove that he or she has been rehabilitated so that further violation of Wyoming Statutes and Board rules is not likely to occur, and that he or she is competent to function as a pharmacy technician. The Board, as a condition to establish competency, may require successful completion of the PTCB Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination (PTCE) or ExCPT.

## **Section 9. Pharmacy Functions for Pharmacy Technicians.**

A pharmacy technician may perform the pharmacy functions previously mentioned in this chapter for technicians-in-training, as well as the following:

(a) Compounding – The prescription order shall be reviewed by a pharmacist. The PIC shall certify competency of the pharmacy technician prior to allowing a pharmacy technician to assist the pharmacist in compounding, and annually thereafter. Documentation of the competency shall remain on file at the pharmacy and be available for inspection by the Board for each pharmacy technician, and shall include, but not be limited to, documentation of the following skills:

- (i) Knowledge and understanding of FDA's Good Manufacturing Practices;
- (ii) Weights and measures;
- (iii) Calculations;
- (iv) Use of torsion balance or electronic scales;
- (v) Knowledge of various techniques utilized to compound products;
- (vi) Labeling requirements;
- (vii) Aseptic technique;
- (viii) Use and maintenance of laminar and/or vertical flow air hood;
- (ix) Knowledge in handling chemotherapeutic agents;
- (x) Dating requirements; and
- (xi) Record keeping requirements.

(b) Transfer prescriptions electronically or via facsimile to another pharmacy with consent of the supervising pharmacist.

**Section 10. Pharmacy Functions Not Permitted for all Technician Levels.**

No pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician-in-training shall:

- (a) Receive a new prescription order verbally from a prescriber or other person authorized by law;
- (b) Perform evaluations and interpretations of a prescription and obtain any needed clinical clarifications prior to filling;
- (c) Review and analyze any clinical data in a patient's medication record;
- (d) Perform professional consultation with any prescriber, nurse, other health care professional or any patient/customer;
- (e) Make the offer to counsel; and
- (f) Counsel.

**Section 11. Pharmacy Technician or Pharmacy Technician-in-Training Pharmacy Functions When a Pharmacist is Absent.**

- (a) When no pharmacist is in the pharmacy, but at least one supervising pharmacist remains in the building, the pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician-in-training may perform functions as outlined in this Chapter, provided no prescription product leaves the pharmacy until the pharmacist returns and authorizes the release;
- (b) When no supervising pharmacist is in the building, a retail pharmacy may not remain open, and staff may not remain in the pharmacy;
- (c) An institutional pharmacy may not remain open. A pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician-in-training may remain in the pharmacy, but may not perform pharmacy functions. If a drug needs to be removed from the pharmacy, those procedures as outlined in Chapter 12 shall be followed; and
- (d) Where there are two or more pharmacists working in a pharmacy, the pharmacy may remain open if a pharmacist leaves the building as long as at least one pharmacist remains in the pharmacy. However, the number of pharmacy technicians or pharmacy technicians-in-training present in the pharmacy may not exceed the 3 to 1 ratio.

**Section 12. Pharmacy Technician Continuing Education Requirements.**

- (a) Every pharmacy technician seeking renewal of a pharmacy technician license shall complete, during each calendar year, six (6) contact hours of approved continuing pharmacy education programs to be applied to the upcoming renewal year; and



(b) Excel continuing education hours may not be carried forward to subsequent years.

### **Section 13. Continuing Education Audits.**

(a) The Board shall randomly select submitted renewal applications for verification of reported continuing education contact hours;

(b) The Board shall review records in the NABP database CPE Monitor for compliance with continuing education hours for pharmacy technicians; and

(c) Upon written request by the Board, a pharmacy technician shall provide to the Board copies of certificates of completion for all continuing education contact hours reported during a specified license period. Failure to provide all requested records constitutes prima facie evidence of knowingly false or misleading information to the Board for the renewal of a license and may subject the pharmacy technician to disciplinary action by the Board;

### **Section 14. Pharmacy Technician Approved Continuing Education Providers.**

(a) Pharmacist supervisor at place of employment, utilizing a format for documentation developed by Board staff;

(b) Continuing education hours approved by the PTCB or EXCPT;

(c) Continuing education hours approved by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA);

(d) Continuing education hours of providers of continuing education accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE); or

(e) Continuing education hours presented by the Wyoming Pharmacy Association (WPhA).

### **Section 15. Pharmacist/Technician Employee Ratio.**

A pharmacist is permitted to be a direct supervisor of three (3) pharmacy technicians and/or technicians-in-training who is enrolled with a Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission (PTAC) accredited pharmacy technician training program during required experiential training hours and who possesses a pharmacy technician-in-training permit issued by the Board shall not be included in this ratio.

### **Section 16. Legal and Professional Responsibilities.**

It shall be considered unprofessional conduct for a pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician-in-training to violate the Wyoming Pharmacy Act or the Wyoming Controlled Substances Act or their rules or regulations.

## STERILE COMPOUNDING

### CHAPTER 17

#### **Section 1.** Authority.

(a) These rules are promulgated as authorized by the Wyoming Pharmacy Act W.S. § 33-24-101 through -301.

#### **Section 2.** Incorporation by Reference:

(a) For any code, standard, rule or regulation incorporated by reference in these rules:

(i) The Board has determined that incorporation of the full text in these rules would be cumbersome or inefficient given the length or nature of the rules;

(ii) The incorporation by reference does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter beyond the applicable date identified in subsection (b) of this section;

(iii) The incorporated code, standard, rule or regulation is maintained at 1712 Carey Avenue, Suite 200, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002 and is available for public inspection and copying at cost at the same location;

(iv) The incorporated code, standard, rule or regulation is available on the internet at ~~<http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us/default.aspx>~~  
<http://pharmacyboard.wyo.gov/>.

(b) Each standard incorporated by reference in these rules is further identified as follows:

(i) The United States Pharmacopeia (USP) General Chapter 797 Pharmaceutical Compounding – Sterile Preparations incorporated by reference in this Chapter of these rules is the USP as existing on ~~May 1, 2017 – July 31, 2017~~ July 27, 2018 including amendments adopted by USP as of that date. Copies of this standard can be obtained from the Board at 1712 Carey Avenue, Suite 200, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002.

#### **Section 3.** Purpose.

To reference the minimum standards of practice for sterile compounding.

#### **Section 4.** Scope.

Applies to all licensees.

## LICENSING OF PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACIES

### CHAPTER 19

#### **Section 1.** Authority.

These regulations are promulgated pursuant to the Wyoming Pharmacy Act W.S. § 33-24-101 through -301.

#### **Section 2.** Purpose.

The purpose of this regulation is to provide the regulations for licensing of pharmacists and pharmacies.

#### **Section 3.** Scope.

This chapter applies to any person, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or other entity seeking licensure as a pharmacist or as a pharmacy providing pharmacy services within this state.

#### **Section 4.** Definitions.

(a) “Foreign pharmacy graduate” means a pharmacist whose undergraduate pharmacy degree was conferred by a recognized school of pharmacy outside of the United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. United States citizens who have completed their pharmacy education outside the United States are foreign pharmacy graduates. Foreign nationals who have graduated from schools in the United States are not foreign pharmacy graduates.

(b) “Institutional facility” means a hospital, convalescent home, nursing home, extended care facility, correctional or penal facility, or any other organization, public or private, which provides a physical environment for patients to obtain medical, surgical, and/or nursing services, except those places where physician, dentists, veterinarians, or other practitioners of the healing arts engage in private office practice.

(c) “Institutional Pharmacy” means a pharmacy where medications are dispensed to other health care professionals for administration to institutionalized patients served by an institutional facility, and which is:

- (i) Located within the institutional facility, or
- (ii) Located outside the institutional facility but only provides pharmacy services to institutionalized patients.

(d) “Non-resident pharmacy” means a licensed pharmacy located outside this State where drugs are dispensed and/or pharmacist care is provided to residents within this state.

(e) “Pharmacy” means an area(s) where drugs are dispensed and/or pharmacist care is provided.

(f) “Registered pharmacist” means an individual currently licensed by this state to engage in the practice of pharmacy.

(g) “Remodeled pharmacy” means an existing retail pharmacy that is relocated to a different address, or a pharmacy that undergoes remodeling at a cost equal to or greater than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).

(h) “Resident retail pharmacy” means a licensed pharmacy located inside this State where drugs are dispensed and/or pharmacist care is provided to residents within this state.

**Section 5.** Pharmacist Licensure by Examination.

(a) The Board shall utilize those standardized examinations as prepared and administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). These standardized examinations shall include the following:

(i) North American Pharmacist Licensing Examination (NAPLEX®); and

(ii) Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE®).

(b) Applicants for licensure by examination will be licensed, provided they:

(i) Submit a properly completed “Pharmacist License by Examination” application, as provided by the Board, with the proper fee and fee/fingerprints for a criminal background check. However, any applicant who has on file at the Board office a criminal background history dated within twelve (12) months of the date of application need not resubmit fee/fingerprints for a criminal background history;

(ii) Pass the NAPLEX® with a minimum score of 75;

(A) Candidates who do not receive a passing grade on the NAPLEX® shall be allowed two (2) retakes, for a total of three (3) examinations.

(B) All retakes require payment of fees plus a forty-five (45) day waiting period, as required by NABP.

(iii) Pass the MPJE® for Wyoming with a minimum score of 75;

(A) Candidates who do not receive a passing grade on the MPJE® for Wyoming may retake the examination for a maximum of five (5) attempts.

(B) All retakes require payment of fees, plus a thirty (30) day waiting period, as required by NABP.

(iv) Meet the required practical experience requirement of 1,200 internship hours as specified in Chapter 3 of these rules;

(v) Complete all requirements within two (2) years of the date of application to the Board office;

(vi) Meet the requirements of W.S. § 33-24-116; and

(vii) Ensure the Board receives the results of a criminal background history report from the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI).

(c) Applicants who have applied for score transfer of their NAPLEX® examination to Wyoming will be licensed by examination provided they meet the following requirements:

(i) The NAPLEX® score transferred is 75 or more;

(ii) A properly completed “Pharmacist Licensure by Examination” application, as provided by the Board, with the proper fee, has been submitted to the Board office;

(iii) Pass the MPJE® for Wyoming with a minimum score of 75;

(A) Candidates who do not receive a passing grade on the MPJE® for Wyoming may retake the examination for a maximum of five (5) attempts.

(B) All retakes require payment of fees, plus a thirty (30) day waiting period, as required by the NABP.

(iv) The required practical experience requirement of 1,200 internship hours is met, as specified in Chapter 3 of these rules;

(v) All requirements completed within one (1) year of the date of the NAPLEX® examination, which was utilized for the score which was transferred to Wyoming;

(vi) Board receipt of a criminal background history report from the DCI; and

(vii) Meet the requirements of W.S. § 33-24-116.

(d) No candidate will be licensed until the required practical experience, as specified in Chapter 3 of these rules has been met.

(e) Candidates failing to meet all requirements within the time period allowed in this chapter must file a new application, including payment of the fees or, if applicable, seek licensure by license transfer, as outlined in this chapter.

(f) The Board reserves the right to require an interview with any applicant seeking licensure by examination to practice pharmacy in Wyoming.

(g) The Board shall charge fees to cover administrative costs, which shall include one (1) wall certificate and a renewal certificate for the current license year.

(h) Foreign pharmacy graduates, holding a FPGEC® Certificate issued by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee®, may apply for licensure as a pharmacist under this section. To be eligible for FPGEC® certification, applicants must satisfy the following requirements established by the FPGEC®:

(i) Provide verification of educational equivalency of an applicant's foreign pharmacy education and the applicant's licensure or registration as a pharmacist outside the United States;

(ii) Pass the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE®);  
and

(iii) Obtain an acceptable score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-based Test (TOEFL® iBT), with minimal scores of 21 for listening, 22 for reading, 26 for speaking and 24 for writing.

**Section 6.** Pharmacist Licensure by Reciprocal License Transfer.

Any pharmacist, who is licensed by examination and is in good standing in any state which is a member of the NABP and who desires to be licensed by reciprocity into this state, shall proceed in the manner outlined by the NABP after first submitting the "Preliminary Application for Transfer of Pharmacist Licensure" obtained from the NABP.

(a) All candidates for license transfer shall be required to:

(i) File all appropriate applications with the Board;

(ii) Pay the required application fee;

(iii) Complete the two (2) fingerprint cards provided by the Board for the criminal background check;

(iv) Pay the required criminal background check fee;

(v) Pass the MPJE® for Wyoming;

(vi) Prove good moral character;

(vii) Prove they have been in active pharmacy practice, as defined in this chapter, for the year preceding the date of their application for license transfer. Applicants

failing to show proof must complete an internship in Wyoming approved by the Board of no less than four hundred (400) hours;

(viii) Meet all requirements under the Wyoming Pharmacy Act and these rules;  
and

(ix) If applying as a foreign pharmacy graduate, possess a FPGEC® Certificate.

(b) The Board must receive the applicant's criminal background history report from the DCI before a pharmacist license by transfer will be issued.

(c) The Board shall not issue a pharmacist license by license transfer until all conditions under this chapter have been met.

(d) All applications for licensure by reciprocity shall expire one (1) year from date of issue by the NABP.

(e) The Board reserves the right to require an interview with any applicant seeking licensure reciprocity to practice pharmacy in Wyoming.

(f) In the event of rejecting an application, the fees paid to the Board will not be refunded.

(g) The Board will accept licensure by reciprocity for pharmacists licensed in California after January 1, 2004.

**Section 7.** Reinstatement of Registered Pharmacist License After Failure to Renew, Returning from Inactive Status, Issuance of Duplicate License.

(a) If a person requests reinstatement of their registered pharmacist license when said license has lapsed only for failure to pay renewal fees, the person shall:

(i) Write a letter requesting consideration of reinstatement;

(ii) Pay all back renewal fees, including annual fines, up to a maximum of five (5) years;

(iii) Provide copies of approved continuing education (CE) certificates for those years the license was lapsed, to a maximum of five (5) years. All CE certificates must be from approved providers;

(iv) Provide at least two (2) recent letters from a pharmacist or a pharmacy owner attesting to good character;

(v) If licensed outside Wyoming, provide a letter from the board of pharmacy in the state where licensed and currently practicing. This letter must state current license status

and indicate if the license has been subject to any investigation or disciplinary action by the Board;

(vi) Complete two (2) fingerprint cards, provided by the Board, and include a check made payable to the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to cover the cost of the criminal background history; and

(vii) Provide a notarized employer affidavit attesting to the active practice of pharmacy in the year preceding the date of the application for reinstatement. Active practice requires that the pharmacist work a minimum of four hundred (400) hours during this time period.

(b) Minimum competency for an inactive pharmacist shall be established to the satisfaction of the Board. When a registered pharmacist has been out of the practice of pharmacy for an extended period of time and wishes to reactivate that license, the Board shall determine on an individual basis the requirements needed to reactivate that license. The requirements may include the following:

(i) Pass a jurisprudence examination;

(ii) Internship under direct supervision. The internship period may vary depending upon how long the individual was out of practice; or

(iii) Board interview.

**Section 8.** Reinstatement of a Revoked or Suspended Pharmacist or Pharmacy Technician License.

(a) A pharmacist or pharmacy technician whose license has been revoked or suspended by the Board may file an application, on a form supplied by the Board, requesting a hearing to present evidence to show why the license should be reinstated subject to the following:

(i) A pharmacist or pharmacy technician whose license was revoked by the Board may not file an application requesting a hearing until thirty-six (36) months have elapsed from the date the order revoking the pharmacist or pharmacy technician license became final;

(ii) A pharmacist or pharmacy technician whose license was suspended by the Board may not file an application requesting a hearing until one-half (1/2) of the suspension so ordered by the Board has elapsed;

(iii) A pharmacist shall submit an application fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and pay for the cost of the hearing, if the Board issues an order denying reinstatement. The application fee is nonrefundable;



(iv) A pharmacy technician shall submit an application fee of one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00) and pay for the cost of the hearing, if the Board issues an order denying reinstatement. The application fee is nonrefundable;

(v) The applicant must complete all questions and provide all information requested on the application;

(vi) An incomplete application and the accompanying fee will be returned and a hearing date will not be set by the Board; and

(vii) In the application, the pharmacist or pharmacy technician shall authorize any health professional who has examined or treated the applicant to disclose a diagnosis and the reasons for it to the Board and the Board staff.

(b) Applications received by the Board will be reviewed by the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall:

(i) Review the application for completeness. If information or attachments are missing, the application and fee will be returned to the applicant with a letter stating the reason(s) for the rejection; and

(ii) If the application is complete, the Executive Director, in consultation with a Compliance Officer, a member of the Board and the Board's Prosecuting Attorney shall make a decision if the evidence submitted supports reinstatement. The Executive Director will notify the applicant whether the Board staff will support or oppose the request for reinstatement. If not, a hearing for reinstatement shall be scheduled by the Executive Director, if requested by the applicant.

(c) The Executive Director may require the applicant to submit to an examination by a health professional chosen by Board staff. The health professional shall report on the examination to Board staff and may testify at a hearing on reinstatement. Cost for the examination shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

(d) To be reinstated, a pharmacist must prove that he or she has been rehabilitated so that further violation of Wyoming Statutes and Board rules is not likely to occur, and that he or she is competent to practice pharmacy. The Board may, as a condition to establish competency, require successful completion of one or more of the following:

(i) The NAPLEX® with a minimum score of 75;

(ii) The MPJE® with a minimum score of 75; or

(iii) An internship, not to exceed 1,200 hours, as prescribed by the Board.

(e) To be reinstated, a pharmacy technician must prove that he or she has been rehabilitated so that further violation of Wyoming Statutes and Board rules is not likely to

occur, and that he or she is competent to function as a pharmacy technician. The Board, as a condition to establish competency, may require successful completion of the PTCB Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination.

**Section 9.**     Licensing of Facilities.

(a)     Prior to the issuing of the registration to operate a pharmacy or prescription department in Wyoming, the Board will inspect the pharmacy for minimum standards including space, fixtures, sanitation, reference library, technical equipment and security. The application will include the number of hours the pharmacy will be in operation per week.

(b)     The facility application shall list the names of all licensed pharmacists employed, specifically identifying the Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC). The PIC determines which employees shall have access to the pharmacy.

(c)     The Board shall be notified within seven (7) days of every change in PIC. A controlled substance inventory is required when there is a change in PIC, at the time of the change. This inventory shall include the signatures of both the outgoing and incoming PIC, and the date and time the inventory was taken. If the inventory cannot be conducted with both pharmacists, then the incoming PIC shall conduct an inventory. A copy of the controlled substance inventory and signed Certification of Responsibilities as Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) shall be forwarded to the Board office within fifteen (15) days of conducting the inventory.

(d)     When a pharmacy changes ownership, the original license becomes void and a new license must be secured by the new owner or owners. A new license is required even if there is no change in the name of the pharmacy or in the registered PIC of the pharmacy.

In the case of a corporation, limited liability company or partnership holding a pharmacy license, the Board shall be notified and a new license applied for any time the majority of stock in the corporation is sold or a majority of the partners of the partnership or members of the limited liability company change. This shall constitute new ownership. Requirements for the change of ownership are the same as outlined in this section.

(e)     A pharmacy license registers the pharmacy to which it is issued only at the location specified on the application and is not transferable.

(f)     The Board shall be notified in writing at least thirty (30) days before a pharmacy change of address. The new location shall be inspected by the Board prior to issuance of an amended pharmacy license for the new location. The new location must meet all requirements for a new or remodeled pharmacy, as noted in this chapter.

(g)     All licenses and certificates issued by the Board shall be displayed in a prominent place in the facility and always in view of the public.

(h)     Resident Pharmacy Licenses shall indicate "Institutional" or "Retail."

**Section 10.** Minimum Structural and Equipment Requirements to Operate a Retail Pharmacy.

(a) All retail pharmacies operating in this State must meet the following requirements:

(i) The pharmacy shall include a sink with a hot and cold water supply, exclusive of restroom facilities, with adequate sewage disposal;

(ii) The pharmacy shall be properly lighted and ventilated. The temperature of the pharmacy shall be maintained within a range compatible with the proper storage of pharmaceuticals;

(iii) The pharmacy shall have adequate shelving; there shall be adequate counter space; the working surface shall be kept clear and uncluttered at all times for the preparation or compounding of prescriptions to meet the requirements of the pharmacy. Any pharmacy where compounding prescriptions occurs must meet the structural and equipment requirements identified in Chapter 13 of these rules;

(iv) A fax machine or similar electronic equipment capable of producing an identical document shall be located in the pharmacy;

(v) A separate refrigerator located in the pharmacy, with sufficient capacity to serve the needs of the pharmacy, equipped with a thermometer which provides a storage temperature of 36-46 degrees Fahrenheit (2-8 degrees Centigrade). The use of such refrigerator shall be limited to the storage of drugs. If a freezer compartment is utilized, it must maintain a temperature of -13 to 14 degrees Fahrenheit (-20 to -10 degrees Centigrade);

(vi) Class A prescription balance or electronic scale with 10 mg sensitivity if the pharmacy participates in compounding. Pharmacies that do not compound or do not dispense are not required to obtain or maintain a prescription balance or electronic scale;

(vii) A professional reference library (text or electronic format) that shall include the following:

(A) Current Wyoming pharmacy laws;

(B) Current edition of *Facts and Comparisons* or a comparable reference accepted by the Board;

(C) Current drug interaction text that provides, at a minimum, quarterly updates;

(D) Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy quarterly newsletter by access to the Board website; and

(E) The current edition (as incorporated by reference in this Chapter), with supplements, of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) “Orange Book” or an alternate reference that provides the same information as the FDA “Orange Book.” Proven access to the Board website link to the Orange Book meets this requirement.

(viii) Pharmacies must maintain adequate security to deter theft of drugs by personnel or public. Security requirements for new or remodeled pharmacies must meet the requirements of this chapter. No person other than the pharmacist, intern or technician employed by the pharmacy shall be permitted in the pharmacy without the express consent of the PIC. If the pharmacy is located in a facility in which the public has access and the pharmacy’s hours of operation are different from the rest of the facility, the pharmacy must be designed so that it can be securely locked and made inaccessible when the pharmacy is not open;

(ix) The pharmacy shall be arranged in an orderly fashion and kept clean. All required equipment shall be clean and in good operating condition;

(x) If automated counting devices are utilized, the pharmacy shall have a method to calibrate and verify the accuracy of the automated counting device and shall verify the accuracy and document doing so on a quarterly basis;

(xi) Consecutive numbering of all prescriptions must be maintained, along with appropriate printing equipment to product prescription drug labels; and

(xii) In addition to the requirements identified in this chapter, all pharmacies involved in the preparation of sterile compounded products must meet the requirements of Chapter 17 of these rules.

(b) In addition to the requirements of this chapter, except for a change of ownership of an existing pharmacy, an individual or business who opens a new pharmacy or remodels an existing retail pharmacy shall provide to the Board staff no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to commencing construction or remodeling the pharmacy, a set of blueprints or other acceptable documents, which indicate the physical layout of the planned or remodeled pharmacy.

(c) The proposed new pharmacy or pharmacy to be remodeled shall meet the following minimum standards:

(i) The pharmacy shall consist of no less than 500 square feet;

(ii) The pharmacy shall include an identified counseling area, which is apart from the cash register, apart from the prescription “pick up” area, and offers sufficient privacy for counseling. A separation of three (3) feet is the minimum space between patients to allow for privacy during counseling. Pharmacies that do not provide prescription services to “Walk-in” customers are not required to have a counseling area;

(iii) Located within the pharmacy, but not counted in the square footage requirements of the pharmacy, shall be restroom facilities, access to which shall be limited to pharmacy staff;

(iv) Access to the pharmacy shall be secured as follows:

(A) If the pharmacy is located within another business, which does not have identical hours of operation, the pharmacy shall be secured with solid core or metal doors with a deadbolt and a locking doorknob. If glassed areas are utilized, then adequate intrusion detectors must be in place. Pharmacy walls must extend to the roof or provide security acceptable to the Board. The pharmacy shall meet all other applicable federal or state regulations concerning security access.

(B) Those pharmacies not included in (A) shall be secured with solid core, metal or safety glass exterior doors secured with a deadbolt, and must utilize an adequate intrusion detector. If the pharmacy shares a common wall with another business, this wall must extend to the roof. The pharmacy shall meet all other applicable federal or state regulations concerning security access.

(v) A separate refrigerator, sufficient in capacity to serve the needs of the pharmacy staff, shall be available for storage of employees' food or beverage. This refrigerator shall be identified for "Employee Use Only"; and

(vi) All prescription data shall be processed utilizing electronic data processing equipment and shall be sequentially numbered. There shall be adequate computer terminals and printers available to process anticipated prescription volume for the new or remodeled pharmacy.

(d) Upon written request, and for good cause, the Board may waive any of the requirements of this chapter. A waiver that is granted under this section shall only be effective when issued by the Board in writing.

(e) For a change in ownership of a retail or institutional pharmacy, the Board shall be notified at least twenty-one (21) days before the change.

**Section 11.** Specific Requirements for Licensure of Non-Resident Pharmacies to Ship Prescription Drugs into the State.

(a) Any pharmacy operating from outside this State that ships, mails or delivers, in any manner, a dispensed prescription drug or legend drug to a patient in this State shall obtain and hold a non-resident pharmacy license and, if applicable, a controlled substance registration.

(b) Said pharmacy license and controlled substance application shall be on forms supplied by the Board staff and shall be accompanied by the following information:

- (i) A copy of the pharmacy license from the state of residence;
  - (ii) A copy of the latest inspection report from the state of residence;
  - (iii) A copy of current DEA registration;
  - (iv) A list of partners, members, or principal officers and registered agent for service of process, if any; and
  - (v) A list of all registered pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, specifying the PIC.
- (c) Pharmacy license and controlled substance registrations shall be renewed annually by July 1.
- (d) The Board office shall be notified of any change in ownership or PIC within thirty (30) days.
- (e) Each non-resident pharmacy shall comply with statutory or regulatory requirements of the Board including, but not limited to, the “Wyoming Drug Identification Act” (W.S. § 33-24-201 through 204) and the “Wyoming Generic Substitution Act” (W.S. § 33-24-146 through -151).
- (f) Each non-resident pharmacy shall maintain records of all prescriptions dispensed to patients in the State in readily retrievable form.
- (g) Each non-resident pharmacy shall maintain pharmacy hours that permit the timely dispensing of prescriptions to patients in this State and provide a toll-free telephone service to facilitate communication between patients in this State and a pharmacist who has access to patient records.
- (h) Counseling shall be accomplished on new prescriptions either verbally or by written information accompanying the dispensed prescription.
- (i) The Board may revoke, deny, or suspend the license and registration of any non-resident pharmacy for violations of W.S. § 33-24-152 and this chapter.

**Section 12.** Resident Retail Pharmacy Closure or Change of Ownership.

- (a) Resident Retail Pharmacy Closure. Not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to a resident retail pharmacy, licensed by the Board, permanently ceasing operation, the Board shall receive written notice of the following:
- (i) The last day the retail pharmacy will be open for business;

(ii) The proposed disposition of all prescription files, both hard copy and electronic records;

(iii) The proposed disposition of all prescription drug inventory, including controlled and non-controlled prescription drug products;

(iv) The proposed method of communicating to the public the last day the pharmacy will be open for business, the location of prescription records after the pharmacy closes, and how the patients can arrange for transfer of their prescription records to a pharmacy of their choice. Included in this communication shall be a description of the method of transfer of prescription records, including the last day a transfer may be made from the pharmacy closing and the initial date the prescription may be transferred from the pharmacy that acquired the prescription records. Communication to the public must begin no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the last day the pharmacy will be open for business;

(v) If prescription records are not transferred to another pharmacy, the name, address and telephone number of the custodian of prescription records must be provided. Prescription records must be maintained for two (2) years from the date of closure;

(vi) The scheduled date to have all signage removed from the exterior and interior of the building that includes the wording “drug,” “pharmacy,” “drugstore,” “Rx,” “Apothecary” or other terms or symbols that might indicate or signify by any advertising medium that such an establishment is a licensed pharmacy;

(vii) The name, address and telephone number of the custodian of records for the following documents, which must be maintained for two (2) years from the date of closure:

(A) Completed DEA 222 forms or retrievable electronic equivalent;

(B) Invoices for purchases of Schedule III, IV and V controlled substances; and

(C) Patient signature logs.

(viii) The date the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) was contacted regarding the closure and that all invoices and DEA 222 forms referencing the sale of controlled substances at closure, blank DEA 222 forms, and the DEA registration certificate were returned to the regional DEA office;

(ix) At the close of business on the last day the retail pharmacy is open for business, a controlled substance inventory, including all Schedule II, III, IV and V controlled substances, shall be taken. This inventory shall be dated and signed by the PIC. A copy shall be provided to the Board;

(x) An inspection of the pharmacy shall be conducted by the Board after the retail pharmacy has closed for business and all prescription drug stock has been removed. At the time of inspection, the following documents shall be provided to the Compliance Officer:

(A) A copy of the final controlled substance inventory;

(B) Documentation, as noted in this chapter, regarding notification to the public of the closure of the retail pharmacy;

(C) The Wyoming retail pharmacy license;

(D) Documentation of the transfer of all prescription drug inventory (controlled and non-controlled) to a third party authorized to have such possession of inventory. Under no circumstance may prescription drug inventory remain in the possession of a person or business not authorized by law to have possession; and

(E) Any changes to information previously provided to the Board as required in this chapter.

(xi) It is unprofessional conduct for a retail pharmacy to close in a manner other than that prescribed in this chapter; and

(xii) If a retail pharmacy purchases the patient prescription records (electronic and hard copy prescription), those records shall be maintained by the acquiring retail pharmacy for a minimum of two (2) years from the date of closure.

(b) Resident Retail Pharmacy Change of Ownership. When a change of ownership necessitates a change of DEA registration number, the following is required:

(i) Not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to a resident retail pharmacy, licensed by the Board, changing ownership, without closing, the Board shall receive written notice of the following:

(A) The last day the seller will have ownership of the retail pharmacy;

(B) The proposed disposition of all prescription files, including both hard copy and electronic records;

(C) The proposed transfer of the prescription drug inventory, including controlled and non-controlled prescription drug products;

(D) The proposed method of communicating to the public the change in ownership, not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the date the ownership will change;



(E) The name, address and telephone number of the custodian of records for the following documents of the seller, which must be retained for two (2) years from the date of the transfer of ownership:

- (I) Completed DEA 222 forms or retrievable electronic equivalent;
- (II) Invoice for purchases of Schedule III, IV and V controlled substances; and
- (III) Patient signature logs.

(F) The date the DEA was contacted regarding the change of ownership and confirmation that all invoices and DEA 222 forms referencing the sale of controlled substances at closure, blank DEA 222 forms, and the DEA registration certificate were delivered to the regional DEA office.

(ii) At the close of business on the last date the pharmacy is under the prior ownership, a controlled substance inventory, including all Schedule II, III, IV and V controlled substances shall be taken. This inventory shall be dated and signed by the PIC from the prior and the new ownership. A copy shall be provided to the Board;

(iii) An inspection of the pharmacy shall be conducted by the Board after the change in ownership. The following documents shall be provided to the Compliance Officer:

(A) Documentation of the transfer of all controlled and non-controlled prescription drug inventory will be provided to the Board. Under no circumstances may prescription drug inventory remain in the possession of the person or business not authorized to have possession;

(B) The Wyoming retail pharmacy license of the prior owner;

(C) Any changes to information previously provided to the Board as required in this chapter;

(D) Information necessary to process a new Wyoming retail pharmacy license, including information about the new PIC; and

(E) Information necessary to process a new Wyoming controlled substance registration and federal DEA registration.

(iv) It is unprofessional conduct for a retail pharmacy to transfer ownership in a manner other than that prescribed in this chapter.

**Section 13.** Institutional Pharmacy Closure.

(a) Not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to an institutional pharmacy licensed by the Board permanently ceasing operation, the Board shall receive written notice of the following:

(i) The last day the institutional pharmacy will be open for business;

(ii) The proposed disposition of all prescription drug inventory including controlled and non-controlled prescription drug products;

(iii) The name, address and telephone number of the custodian of records for the following documents, which must be maintained for two (2) years from the date of closure:

(A) Completed DEA 222 forms or retrievable electronic equivalent;

(B) Invoices for purchases of Schedule III, IV and V controlled substances; and

(C) Patient specific records.

(iv) The date the DEA was contacted regarding the closure and confirmation that all invoices and DEA 222 forms referencing the sale of controlled substances at closure, blank DEA 222 forms and the DEA registration certificate were delivered to the regional DEA office.

(b) At the close of business on the last day the institutional pharmacy is open for business, a controlled substance inventory, including all Schedule II, III, IV and V controlled substances shall be taken. This inventory shall be dated and signed by the PIC. A copy shall be provided to the Board.

(c) An inspection of the pharmacy shall be conducted by the Board after the institutional pharmacy has closed for business and all prescription drug stock has been removed. At the time of inspection, the following documents shall be provided to the Compliance Officer:

(i) A copy of the final controlled substance inventory;

(ii) The Wyoming institutional pharmacy license;

(iii) Documentation of the transfer of all prescription drug inventory (controlled and non-controlled) to a third party authorized to have such possession of inventory. Under no circumstances may prescription drug inventory remain in the possession of a person or business that is not authorized by law to have possession; and

(iv) Any changes to information previously provided to the Board, as required in this chapter.

(d) It is unprofessional conduct for an institutional pharmacy to close in a manner than that prescribed in this chapter.

## **COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE REGULATIONS**

### **CHAPTER 20**

#### **Section 1.     Authority.**

These regulations are promulgated pursuant to the Wyoming Pharmacy Act W.S. § 33-24-101 through -301.

#### **Section 2.     Purpose.**

The purpose of this regulation is to regulate the practice of pharmacists who agree to collaborate with practitioners in the care of patients.

#### **Section 3.     Scope.**

This chapter applies to any person engaging in the practice of collaborative pharmacy practice within the state.

#### **Section 4.     Definitions.**

(a)     “Collaborative pharmacy practice” is that practice of pharmacy whereby one or more pharmacists have jointly agreed, on a voluntary basis, to work in conjunction with one or more practitioners under protocol and in collaboration to provide patient care services to achieve optimal medication use and desired patient outcomes.

(b)     “Collaborative practice agreement” means a written voluntary agreement, between a pharmacist and a prescribing practitioner that defines a collaborative practice.

#### **Section 5.     Collaborative Pharmacist Care.**

(a)     A pharmacist planning to engage in collaborative practice shall have on file at the pharmacist’s place of practice a written, signed collaborative practice agreement approved by the Board. This collaborative practice agreement allows the pharmacist, acting within the pharmacist’s collaborative scope of practice, to conduct MTM approved by a prescribing practitioner acting within the scope of the practitioner’s current practice.

(b)     The collaborative practice agreement shall include:

(i)     The names of the prescribing practitioner and the pharmacist who are parties to the collaborative practice agreement;

(ii)    The specific types of MTM decisions that the pharmacist is allowed to make, which shall include:

(A) The types of diseases, drugs or drug categories involved, and the extent of MTM allowed in each case;

(B) The methods, procedures, decision criteria and plan the pharmacist is to follow when conducting MTM; and

(C) The procedures the pharmacist is to follow in the course of conducting MTM, including documentation of decisions and a plan or appropriate mechanism for communication and reporting to the prescribing practitioner concerning specific decisions. Documentation of decisions shall occur in the prescribing practitioner patient medical record. If the medical record is not available at the practice site, a copy of the documentation of decisions will be sent to the prescribing practitioner.

(iii) A method for the prescribing practitioner to monitor compliance with the collaborative practice agreement and clinical outcomes when MTM by the pharmacist has occurred and to intercede when necessary;

(iv) A provision that allows the prescribing practitioner to override the collaborative practice agreement whenever deemed necessary or appropriate;

(v) A provision allowing the practitioner, pharmacist and patient or patient's agent, parent or guardian to cancel the collaborative practice agreement at any time by written notice to all parties. The pharmacist shall retain the original notice of cancellation for two (2) years; and

(vi) The signatures of the pharmacist and prescribing practitioner who are entering into the collaborative practice agreement and the dates when signed.

(c) MTM shall occur only for a particular patient pursuant to a specific written order from the prescribing practitioner. The written order shall conform to the format established by the Board and shall include the following as a minimum:

(i) Patient's name, gender, date of birth, height and weight;

(ii) Allergies;

(iii) Medical diagnosis;

(iv) All current medication(s), including current dosages (including any laboratory test);

(v) Method of communicating information between pharmacist and practitioner;

(vi) Frequency of practitioner follow-up;

(vii) Date the order will be renewed (specific order must be renewed annually); and

(viii) Signatures of the practitioner, pharmacist and patient or the patient's agent, parent or guardian, and date signed.

(d) A pharmacist providing MTM for a patient shall obtain written consent from the patient or the patient's agent, parent or guardian prior to providing this service. MTM shall not be implemented for a particular patient, if the patient or patient's agent, parent or guardian refuses to give written consent after being informed of the responsibility for payment.

(e) At a minimum, the written collaborative practice agreement shall be reviewed and renewed annually. If necessary, the collaborative practice agreement may be revised. The Board must approve all revisions, once signed by the pharmacist and the prescribing practitioner, prior to implementation. The Board shall review and approve all collaborative practice agreements, including revisions, prior to implementation. This shall be accomplished as follows:

(i) The Board shall appoint a Collaborative Practice Advisory Committee. The Committee shall be composed of five (5) members. Composition shall be two (2) pharmacists currently licensed by the Board and in active practice in Wyoming, one of whom is a current member of the Board; two (2) physicians currently licensed by the Wyoming State Board of Medicine and in active practice in Wyoming one of whom is a current member of the Board of Medicine; and the Board of Pharmacy Executive Director;

(ii) A pharmacist who has developed a collaborative practice agreement shall forward five (5) copies of the signed collaborative practice agreement to the Board. The Executive Director shall convene the Committee to review pending collaborative practice agreements. The Committee shall have authority to recommend approval or rejection of the collaborative practice agreement;

(iii) The recommendation of the Committee shall be reported to the Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting or as needed. The Board's decision will be delivered to the pharmacist and prescribing practitioner within ten (10) days of the Board's decision; and

(iv) The pharmacist submitting a collaborative practice agreement or revisions to an approved collaborative practice agreement to the Board shall not practice under the collaborative practice agreement until notified of approval by the Executive Director.

(f) A pharmacist and prescribing practitioner entering into a collaborative practice agreement must be currently licensed by their respective boards and authorized to practice in this State.

(g) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to permit a pharmacist to accept delegation of a physician's authority outside the limits included in W.S. § 33-26-402 of the Medical Practice Act and the Wyoming State Board of Medicine regulations.