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Item 2445 – New Intra- and Inter-Pharmacy Remote Medication Order Processing Rules in Effect

The North Carolina Board of Pharmacy has completed a rulemaking to amend Rule .1816, now titled “Centralized Pharmacy Services.” The amended rule broadens the availability of remote medication order processing (RMOP) arrangements among pharmacies to all pharmacy practice types. The complete rules are found in [Rule .1816](#) (governing inter-pharmacy RMOP arrangements) and [Rule .2515](#) (governing intra-pharmacy RMOP arrangements).

To assist pharmacies transitioning to the new RMOP requirements, Board staff has prepared guidance documents.

Inter-Pharmacy RMOP Arrangements

This [document](#) provides a detailed overview of the revised rule governing inter-pharmacy RMOP arrangements. This guidance document only concerns RMOP services arranged among two pharmacies.

Board staff has also produced this guidance [document](#) that provides detailed instructions on how out-of-state pharmacists who are performing RMOP services and who are not individually licensed to practice pharmacy in North Carolina may obtain an NABP Verify credential and register with the Board, as required by revised Rule .1816.

Intra-Pharmacy RMOP Arrangements

This [document](#) provides detailed guidance to implementing intra-pharmacy RMOP arrangements (ie, a pharmacy allowing its own employee personnel to perform RMOP services from a remote site).

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Item 2446 – Out-of-State Pharmacies Holding a North Carolina Permit Must Ensure That the Designated Pharmacist-Manager Is the Same as the Home-State Pharmacist-Manager

The Board recently amended 21 North Carolina Administrative Code 46.1607, Out-of-State Pharmacies (Rule .1607). Under the amended rule, effective May 1, 2022, the “pharmacist-manager for the out-of-state permit issued by this Board must be the same person as the pharmacist-manager (whether called a pharmacist-manager, a person-in-charge or otherwise) of the pharmacy on the permit issued by the pharmacy’s home state.”

All out-of-state permit holders must log in to the Board’s Licensure Gateway, review the designated pharmacist-manager, and, if necessary, complete a Pharmacist-Manager Change Request. Detailed instructions are available [here](#).

Item 2447 – Implementation of New Immunizing Pharmacist Authorities Proceeding

As pharmacists know, the General Assembly passed and Governor Roy Cooper signed into law Session Law (SL) 2021-110, which confers on qualified pharmacists the ability to dispense, deliver, or administer certain therapeutics. (For a complete overview of SL 2021-110, visit <http://www.ncbop.org/PDF/SL2021110GuidanceAug2021.pdf>).

State Health Director Betsey Tilson has issued five standing orders under this new authority:

- Nicotine replacement therapy that is approved by United States Food and Drug Administration
- Self-administered oral or transdermal contraceptives (see note below regarding training requirements)
- Prenatal vitamins
- Post-exposure prophylaxis medications for the prevention of HIV
- Glucagon for the treatment of severe hypoglycemia

Further details and links to each of the standing orders and their accompanying documents may be found [here](#).

Please note: As the oral and transdermal hormonal contraceptives standing order notes, immunizing pharmacists “who provide contraception products in accordance with this standing order must also complete North Carolina Hormonal Contraception Training Program.” The North Carolina Association of Pharmacists (NCAP) has produced this training program, which is now available [here](#). The Board has agreed to fund the training program for up to 6,000 North Carolina resident pharmacists over the next 12 months. NCAP will maintain records of pharmacists who have completed this training.

Once an immunizing pharmacist has completed the North Carolina Hormonal Contraception Training Program, the pharmacist must report that to the Board by logging in to their profile at the Board’s

Licensure Gateway, selecting the Pharmacist tile under Licenses & Registrations, and clicking on the Contraceptive Trained option.

Item 2448 – Pharmacy Intern Registration Coming Soon

The Board has completed revisions to Rule .1503, governing pharmacy internships. As a result, the Board is implementing a pharmacy intern registration system, which will become operational on August 1, 2022.

Detailed guidance on the intern registration system’s operation will be forthcoming, both on the Board website (www.ncbop.org) and through email alerts to pharmacists and pharmacies.

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