

65-1656. Filling transferred prescriptions; exceptions and conditions; common electronic prescription files authorized; rules and regulations. (a) Nothing contained in the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas shall prohibit a pharmacist licensed in this state from filling or refilling a valid prescription for prescription drugs not listed in schedule II of the uniform controlled substances act, which is on file in a pharmacy licensed in any state and has been transferred from one pharmacy to another by any means, including by way of electronic data processing equipment, upon the following conditions and exceptions:

(1) Prior to dispensing pursuant to any such prescription, the dispensing pharmacist shall:

(A) Advise the patient that the prescription file at such other pharmacy must be canceled before the dispensing pharmacist will be able to fill the prescription;

(B) determine that the prescription is valid and on file at such other pharmacy and that such prescription may be filled or refilled, as requested, in accordance with the prescriber's intent expressed on such prescription;

(C) notify the pharmacy where the prescription is on file that the prescription must be canceled;

(D) record the prescription order, the name of the pharmacy at which the prescription was on file, the prescription number, the name of the drug and the original amount dispensed, the date of original dispensing and the number of remaining authorized refills; and

(E) obtain the consent of the prescriber to the refilling of the prescription when the prescription, in the professional judgment of the dispensing pharmacist, so requires. Any interference with the professional judgment of the dispensing pharmacist by any other licensed pharmacist, agents of the licensed pharmacist or employees shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of the registration issued to the pharmacy.

(2) Upon receipt of a request for prescription information set forth in subsection (a)(1)(D), if the requested pharmacist is satisfied in the professional judgment of the pharmacist that such request is valid and legal, the requested pharmacist shall:

(A) Provide such information accurately and completely;

(B) record on the prescription the name of the requesting pharmacy and pharmacist and the date of request; and

(C) cancel the prescription on file. No further prescription transfer shall be given or medication dispensed pursuant to such original prescription.

(3) In the event that, after the information set forth in subsection (a)(1)(D) has been provided, a prescription is not dispensed by the requesting pharmacist, then such pharmacist shall provide notice of this fact to the pharmacy from which such information was obtained, such notice shall then cancel the prescription in the same manner as set forth in subsection (a)(2)(C).

(4) When filling or refilling a valid prescription on file in another state, the dispensing pharmacist shall be required to follow all the requirements of Kansas law which apply to the dispensing of prescription drugs. If anything in Kansas law prevents the filling or refilling of the original prescription it shall be unlawful to dispense pursuant to this section.

(5) In addition to any other requirement of this section, the transfer of original prescription information for a controlled substance listed in schedules III, IV and V for the purposes of refill dispensing shall be made in accordance with the requirements of section 1306.25 of chapter 21 of the code of federal regulations.

(b) Two or more pharmacies may establish and use a common electronic file to maintain required dispensing information. Pharmacies using such a common electronic file are not required to physically transfer prescriptions or information for dispensing purposes between or among pharmacies participating in the same common prescription file, except that any such common file must contain complete and adequate records of such prescription and refill dispensed as required by the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas.

(c) The board may formulate such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of and to enforce the provisions of this section except that the board shall not impose greater requirements on either common electronic files or a hard copy record system.

(d) Drugs shall in no event be dispensed more frequently or in larger amounts than the prescriber ordered without direct prescriber authorization by way of a new prescription order.

(e) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas.

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