Chapter 52. Board of Pharmacy.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not underlined.)

12 AAC 52.120(b)(3)(A) is amended to read:

(A) **enrolled** [COMPLETED THE FIRST YEAR OF A PROFESSIONAL PHARMACY CURRICULUM] in a college of pharmacy accredited by the ACPE; or

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(Eff. 1/16/98, Register 145; am 2/11/2004, Register 169; am 2/15/2006, Register 177; am 1/17/2007, Register 181; am 11/16/2012, Register 204; am ___/___/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.80.005 AS 08.80.110 AS 08.80.116
AS 08.80.030

12 AAC 52.210(1) is amended to read:

(1) receiving an oral prescription drug order [, INCLUDING REFILL APPROVAL OR DENIAL THAT INCLUDES ANY CHANGE TO THE ORIGINAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER];

(Eff. 1/16/98, Register 145; am ___/___/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.80.005 AS 08.80.030 AS 08.80.330

12 AAC 52.320 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) A pharmacist administering vaccines or related emergency medications under 12 AAC 52.992 shall certify having completed one hour of Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) approved continuing education specific to immunizations, vaccines, or related

topics as part of the 30 contact hours of continuing education required under (a) of this section. (Eff. 1/16/98, Register 145; am 5/5/2000, Register 154; am ___/___/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.80.005 AS 08.80.147 AS 08.80.165
AS 08.80.030

12 AAC 52.400 is amended to read:

12 AAC 52.400. General guidelines for pharmacies. A person that is required to be licensed by AS 08.80 and who has a license under AS 08.80 and this chapter shall adhere to the guidelines on facilities, reference material, equipment, supplies, and other guidelines established by the board in the pamphlet titled, *"Facility Standards for Pharmacies,"* dated **November 2016** [FEBRUARY 2008], and incorporated by reference in this section. (Eff. 1/16/98, Register 145; am 10/9/2008, Register 188; am ___/___/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.80.005 AS 08.80.030 AS 08.80.157

Editor's note: The pamphlet incorporated by reference in 12 AAC 52.400, *"Facility Standards for Pharmacies"* may be obtained from the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, Board of Pharmacy, State Office Building, 9th Floor, 333 Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, Alaska 99801; phone (907) 465-2589.

12 AAC 52.450 is amended to read:

12 AAC 52.450. Prescription drug order records. (a) A pharmacy shall maintain prescription drug orders for a period of two years from the date of filling or the date of the last dispensed refill. The prescription drug orders shall be maintained [IN NUMERICAL ORDER AND] in a manner that ensures they will remain legible for the required two-year period.

(b) To comply with (a) of this section, a pharmacy shall maintain the prescription drug orders by [KEEPING IN ITS FILE]

(1) **keeping** the original **hard copy** [WRITTEN] prescription drug order **presented by a patient**;

(2) **keeping** a plain paper version of the prescription drug order received by facsimile or digital electronic transmittal; [OR]

(3) **keeping** a prescription drug order put into writing either manually or electronically by the pharmacist**; or**

(4) electronically storing and maintaining the prescription drug order in a readily retrievable format. (Eff. 1/16/98, Register 145; am 11/10/2001, Register 160; am ___/___/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.80.005 AS 08.80.030 AS 08.80.157

12 AAC 52.460(a) is amended to read:

(a) Before a pharmacist may fill a prescription drug order, the pharmacist shall obtain the following information:

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(9) if a written **or hard copy** prescription drug order, the prescribing practitioner's **handwritten** signature; [AND]

(10) if a [FACSIMILE] prescription drug order **is received by the pharmacy as a facsimile**, the prescribing practitioner's **handwritten or electronic** signature, or authorized agent's signature**; and**

(11) if the prescription drug order is signed by an authorized agent it must include the name of the prescribing practitioner.

(Eff. 1/16/98, Register 145; am 9/11/2010, Register 195; am 9/17/2011, Register 199; am 11/16/2012, Register 204; am ___/___/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.80.005 AS 08.80.030

12 AAC 52.500(b) is amended to read:

(b) Original prescription drug order information for controlled substances listed in schedules III, IV, or V may be transferred only by the pharmacy that originally received the prescription drug order from the prescribing practitioner. **The transfer must be communicated directly between two licensed pharmacists.**

12 AAC 52.500(c) is amended to read:

(c) Original prescription drug order information for noncontrolled substances may be transferred **verbally, electronically, or via facsimile** between pharmacies without limitation up to the number of originally authorized refills.

12 AAC 52.500(d) is amended to read:

(d) A pharmacy transferring a prescription drug order or receiving a transferred prescription drug order must meet the following requirements:

(1) **if transferred verbally,** the transfer shall be communicated directly between two licensed pharmacists;

(2) both the original and the transferred prescription drug order must meet the requirements of 12 AAC 52.450(a);

(3) the pharmacist transferring the prescription drug order information shall

(A) **repealed ___/___/____** [WRITE "VOID" ON THE FACE OF THE

TRANSFERRED PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER; AND]

(B) record [ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE TRANSFERRED PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER] the following information:

(i) name, address, and if a controlled substance, the DEA registration number of the pharmacy receiving the prescription drug order information;

(ii) name of the pharmacist receiving the prescription drug order information;

(iii) name of the pharmacist transferring the prescription drug order information; and

(iv) date of the transfer;

(4) the pharmacist receiving the transferred prescription drug order information shall

(A) **repealed ___/___/____** [WRITE "TRANSFER" ON THE FACE OF THE TRANSFERRED PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER; AND]

(B) record [ON THE TRANSFERRED PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER] the following information:

(i) original date of issue and date of dispensing, if different from the date of issue;

(ii) original prescription drug order number and the number of refills authorized on the original prescription drug order;

(iii) number of valid refills remaining and the date of the last refill;

(iv) name, address, and if a controlled substance, the DEA registration number of the pharmacy transferring the prescription drug order

information; and

(v) name of the pharmacist transferring the prescription drug order information; [AND]

(5) **repealed ___/___/____** [WHEN A PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER IS TRANSFERRED, THE TRANSFERRING PHARMACY MAY NOT ISSUE ANY FURTHER REFILLS].

(Eff. 1/16/98, Register 145; am ___/___/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.80.005 AS 08.80.030

The introductory language of 12 AAC 52.585(a) is repealed and readopted to read:

(a) Before dispensing a prescription for the first time for a new patient of the pharmacy, or a prescription for a new medication for an existing patient of the pharmacy, or a change in the dose, strength, route of administration, or directions for use of an existing prescription previously dispensed for an existing patient of the pharmacy, the pharmacist or pharmacy intern providing prescription services must personally counsel each patient or the patient's agent on matters considered significant in the pharmacist's professional judgment. The counseling may include

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(Eff. 1/16/98, Register 145; am 5/15/2004, Register 170; am ___/___/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.80.005 AS 08.80.030 AS 08.80.480

12 AAC 52 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 AAC 52.992. Independent administration of vaccines and related emergency medications. (a) Before a pharmacist may independently administer a human vaccine or related emergency medication to a patient who does not have immunization contraindications as listed

by the CDC, FDA, manufacturer's package insert, or to a patient under a prescription drug order from a prescriber, the pharmacist must

(1) successfully complete a course accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) or a comparable course for pediatric, adolescent, and adult immunization practices that includes instruction on:

(A) basic immunology, vaccine, and immunization protection;

(B) diseases that may be prevented by vaccination or immunization;

(C) current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) immunization schedules;

(D) storage and management;

(E) informed consent;

(F) physiology and techniques for administration of immunizations;

(G) pre-immunization and post-immunization assessment and counseling;

(H) immunization reporting and records management; and

(I) identifying, documenting, and reporting adverse responses;

(2) maintain certification in adult and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated electronic defibrillator (AED) training; and

(3) a pharmacist who has not independently administered a vaccine within the past 10 years must complete a course as described in (a)(1) of this section before administering a vaccine.

(b) A pharmacy from which a pharmacist independently administers a human vaccine or related emergency medication under this section

(1) must stock the following emergency medications in an emergency medication kit which is kept separate from the regular dispensing inventory, and which is carried by the

pharmacist if providing off-site immunizations:

(A) oral and injectable diphenhydramine; and

(B) adult and pediatric auto inject epinephrine device, or injectable epinephrine;

(2) must maintain a policy and procedure manual detailing the immunization practices that must be followed and which:

(A) designates either the pharmacist in charge (PIC) or an assigned vaccine coordinator who will be responsible for maintaining the policy and procedures manual;

(B) documents that the policy and procedures manual has been reviewed and updated annually;

(C) addresses how vaccine related adverse reactions are to be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS);

(D) addresses proper vaccine storage, handling, and maintenance, including maintaining manufacturer recommended temperatures during transportation of vaccines;

(E) addresses proper disposal of used or contaminated supplies;

(F) contains a written emergency protocol for handling accidental needlesticks and adverse reactions including the administration of emergency related medications; and

(G) details how records must be kept;

(3) must have access to the latest edition of the CDC's *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases* as a reference; and

(4) must display each pharmacist's certification of completing the immunization

course described in this section.

(c) Before administering an immunization or related emergency medication, a pharmacy intern shall

(1) have completed an ACPE approved immunization course or other comparable course that meets the requirements of (a)(1) of this section;

(2) maintain certification of completing an adult and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) program and automated electronic defibrillator (AED) training; and

(3) be under the direct supervision of a pharmacist who has met the requirements of this chapter.

(d) A pharmacist independently administering a vaccine or related emergency medication must provide the patient, or the patient's agent, the current vaccine information statement (VIS) issued by the CDC for each vaccine administered.

(e) A pharmacist or intern independently administering a vaccine must comply with 7 AAC 27.650.

(f) "Independent administration" means a pharmacist meeting the requirements of this chapter is the prescriber and administrator of the vaccine, or if an intern meeting the requirements of this chapter is administering the vaccine, the pharmacist supervising the intern is the prescriber.

(g) Failure to comply with this section constitutes unprofessional conduct and is a basis for the imposition of disciplinary sanctions under AS 08.01.075. (Eff. ___/___/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.01.075 AS 08.80.168 AS 08.80.480

AS 08.80.030 AS 08.80.261