



*The Voice of Independent Community and Compounding Pharmacists*

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Gay Dodson  
Executive Director  
Texas State Board of Pharmacy  
333 Guadalupe Street, Suite 3-600  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Ms. Dodson:

The Board of Directors and members of the Alliance of Independent Pharmacists of Texas oppose Amendments to §291.34 Concerning Prescription Transfer Requirements.

This rule is of concern to the Alliance because patient safety and care should always be pharmacy's foremost concern. Allowing a pharmacy 24-hours to transfer a prescription is not in the best interest of the patient and their healthcare needs. TSBP's mission is "to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare by fostering the provision of quality pharmaceutical care to the citizens of Texas through the regulation of the practice of pharmacy, the operation of pharmacies, and the *distribution of prescription drugs in the public interest.*" This rule seems to be in the best interest of the pharmacy rather than the patient.

We hope that the Board will reject this amendment and reconsider the four-hour rule proposed in November 2015, or something more aligned with the *public's best interest.*

Sincerely,

Audra L. Conwell, CAE  
Executive Director/CEO