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Model Rules for the Practice of Pharmacy

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Section 3. Pharmacy Practice.

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(c) **Transfer of a Prescription Drug Order**

Pharmacies utilizing automated data-processing systems shall satisfy all information requirements of a manual mode for Prescription Drug Order transferal, except as noted in subsection (4) below. The transfer of original Prescription Drug Order information for the purpose of refill Dispensing is permissible between Pharmacies subject to the following requirements:

(1) The information is communicated directly between Pharmacists or Certified Pharmacy Technicians and the transferring Pharmacist or Certified Pharmacy Technician records the following information:

- (i) write the word "VOID" on the face of the invalidated Prescription Drug Order;
- (ii) record on the reverse side of the invalidated Prescription Drug Order the name and address of the Pharmacy to which it was transferred and the name of the Pharmacist or Certified Pharmacy Technician receiving the Prescription Drug Order;
- (iii) record the date of the transfer and the name of the Pharmacist or Certified Pharmacy Technician transferring the information; and
- (iv) the computer record shall reflect the fact that the original Prescription Drug Order has been voided and shall contain all the other information required above.

(2) The Pharmacist or Certified Pharmacy Technician receiving the transferred Prescription Drug Order information shall reduce to writing the following:

- (i) Write the word "TRANSFER" on the face of the transferred Prescription Drug Order.

- (ii) Provide all information required to be on a Prescription Drug Order pursuant to state and federal laws and rules, and include:
 - (A) date of issuance of original Prescription Drug Order;
 - (B) original number of refills authorized on original Prescription Drug Order;
 - (C) date of original Dispensing;
 - (D) number of valid refills remaining and date of last refill;
 - (E) Pharmacy's name, address, and original prescription number from which the Prescription Drug Order information was transferred; and
 - (F) name of transferring Pharmacist or Certified Pharmacy Technician.
- (iii) Systems providing for the electronic transfer of information shall not infringe on a patient's freedom of choice as to the provider of Pharmacist Care.
- (3) Both the original and transferred Prescription Drug Order shall be maintained for a period of five years from the date of last refill.
- (4) Pharmacies accessing a common electronic file or database used to maintain required Dispensing information are not required to transfer Prescription Drug Orders or information for Dispensing purposes between or among Pharmacies participating in the same common prescription file, provided, however, that any such common file shall contain complete records of each Prescription Drug Order and refill Dispensed, and, further, that a hard copy record of each Prescription Drug Order transferred or accessed for purposes of refilling shall be generated and maintained at the Pharmacy refilling the Prescription Drug Order or to which the Prescription Drug Order is transferred and shall protect against the illegal use or disclosure of Protected Health Information.
- (5) In an emergency, a Pharmacy may transfer original Prescription Drug Order information for a non-controlled substance to a second Pharmacy for the purpose of Dispensing up to a 72-hour supply without voiding the original Prescription Drug Order.