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## Regulation 7 – Drug Products / Prescriptions

### Summary of the Substantive Changes by the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy

The changes:

define a proper relationship between a patient and a practitioner which is necessary to prescribe medication for patients in Arkansas. This change is being promulgated due to the fact that many internet brokers and/or pharmacies seek to circumvent the requirements of a valid practitioner-patient relationship by facilitating, prescribing and/or dispensing prescription-only drugs to Arkansas consumers based only upon an internet or telephonic questionnaire or consultation. This is not consistent with Arkansas Statutes or the policies of the American Medical Association, the Federation of State Medical Boards and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency; therefore, the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy finds that prescriptions issued on the basis of an internet questionnaire, an internet consultation or a telephonic consultation without an in-person physical exam puts the public health, safety and welfare in imminent peril of harm from inappropriate, illegitimate or excessive prescription drugs, and therefore adopts this rule on an emergency basis, to be effective immediately.