

PUBLIC NOTICE

On October 13, 2010 at 9:30 AM, the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy will hold a public hearing at the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, 101 E. Capitol Suite 218, Little Rock, AR 72201. The following regulation changes will be considered:

Regulation 02 – Pharmacists:

The proposed changes will allow for consideration of a pharmacist's practice history outside a permitted pharmacy when applying for reciprocity, update language regarding the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination to reflect changes made by NAPLEX and clarify the period of validity for a score transfer. Proposed changes will also update requirements for Board of Pharmacy accreditation of pharmacist continuing education.

Regulation 04 – Pharmacy:

The proposed changes will clarify that both the pharmacist in charge and the pharmacy permit holder are responsible for the security and accountability of controlled substances. These changes will describe the different roles of the permit holder and pharmacist in charge and give examples of appropriate steps and procedures that pharmacies and pharmacists may take in order to maintain security over controlled substances. Changes will also provide guidance on how a pharmacy may provide prescription medications to animals as part of a contractual agreement with a veterinarian and update requirements for the handling of paper prescription orders by a pharmacy when processed. Finally this change will add language requiring hospitals to develop and routinely evaluate Medication Error Reduction Plans to identify medication related errors to increase patient safety in hospitals.

Regulation 7—Drug Products/Prescriptions:

The proposed changes will delete the prohibition on pharmacy compounding for veterinarian office stock.

Public comments will be accepted until the conclusion of the public hearing. A copy of the proposed regulation changes can be obtained through our website at www.arkansas.gov/asbp/lawbook.html by calling (501) 682-0190, writing:

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