

PUBLIC NOTICE

On March 19, 2014 at Noon, the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy will hold a public hearing at the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, 322 South Main, Suite 600, Little Rock, AR 72201. The following regulation changes will be considered:

Regulation 01 – General Operations:

Proposed changes will update the physical address of the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy to, 322 South Main Street, Suite 600, Little Rock, AR. 72201.

Regulation 02 – Pharmacists

Proposed changes will clarify that the intern training requirements for pharmacist licensure by examination in Arkansas may be obtained as part of the school curriculum for the colleges of pharmacy under Board approved conditions.

Regulation 04 – Pharmacy

Proposed changes will update language regarding the electronic recording of legend or schedule III, IV, or V controlled substance prescriptions transferred from a retail pharmacy to a Central Fill pharmacy. Changes will also expand the protocol for methadone clinics to utilize additional drugs in research, clean up language regarding electronic prescribing and make technical corrections within the regulation.

Regulation 05 – Long Term Care Facilities

Proposed changes will add language to allow licensed in-patient hospice facilities to have emergency kits with a limited supply of prescription medications for use in emergencies.

Regulation 07 – Drug Products/Prescriptions

Proposed changes will allow pharmacists to electronically receive and document prescriptions in accordance with Arkansas Act 1331 of 2013 and as allowed by federal regulations. Proposed changes will also update language according to Arkansas Act 176 of 2013 to allow a pharmacist to manually enter information into the electronic tracking database when utilizing a Military ID to purchase Schedule V ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or phenylpropranolamine products and update language to clarify the option for a pharmacist to either enter verbal orders directly into the pharmacy's electronic prescription system or promptly reduce the verbal order to writing.

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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