

**6800.2400 PHARMACIST-IN-CHARGE.**

Subpart 1. **Responsibilities and duties.** No person shall conduct a pharmacy without a pharmacist-in-charge, who shall be a pharmacist regularly employed in the pharmacy department and shall be designated in the application for license, each renewal thereof or pursuant to subpart 4. It is the pharmacist-in-charge's duty and responsibility, consistent with the accepted standards of professional conduct and practice and in compliance with all applicable laws:

A. to establish policies and procedures for the employees of the pharmacy for the procurement, storage, compounding, and dispensing of drugs and the communication of information to the public in relation to drug therapy;

B. to supervise all of the professional employees of the pharmacy;

C. to assure that all persons participating in an internship, residency, or fellowship program at the pharmacy are appropriately licensed or registered with the board;

D. to supervise all of the nonprofessional employees of the pharmacy insofar as their duties relate to the procurement, sale, and/or storage of drugs;

E. to develop appropriate detailed written procedures directing activities of pharmacy technicians and to make these procedures available to the board, and to ensure that all persons working as pharmacy technicians are registered with the board, in accordance with part 6800.3850;

F. to establish and supervise the method and manner for the storing and safekeeping of drugs;

G. to establish and supervise the record keeping system for the purchase, sale, possession, storage, safekeeping, and return of drugs;

H. to notify the board immediately upon receiving knowledge that his or her services as pharmacist-in-charge have been or will be terminated;

I. to respond to deficiency reports; and

J. to ensure that staffing and operational quality assurance policies are developed, implemented, and followed for the purpose of decreasing and monitoring prescription errors.

Subp. 2. **Deficiency reports.** The pharmacist-in-charge of any pharmacy wherein deficiencies are noted upon inspection by the board or its staff shall, within 30 days of receiving notice of such deficiency, submit in writing to the board the steps taken or proposed to eliminate the deficiency. Failure to submit such report or to eliminate deficiency shall be grounds for the institution of disciplinary action by the board.

Subp. 3. **More than one location.** No pharmacist shall be designated pharmacist-in-charge of more than one pharmacy. In the interest of public health, this requirement may be waived in the case of a pharmacist serving a hospital pharmacy on a part-time basis.

Subp. 4. **Termination of service.** Each pharmacy shall notify the Board of Pharmacy immediately upon knowledge of the termination of the services of the pharmacist-in-charge and further, shall immediately designate a successor pharmacist-in-charge and immediately notify the Board of Pharmacy of such designation. The Board of Pharmacy upon receiving such notice shall furnish the successor pharmacist-in-charge such form or forms as it may from time to time prescribe which form or forms must be completed by the successor pharmacist-in-charge and filed with the Board of Pharmacy within ten days after receipt thereof. The successor pharmacist-in-charge shall submit, on the approved form, an acknowledgment of an awareness and understanding of any variances that the pharmacy has been granted according to part 6800.9900. The successor pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for ensuring that any conditions imposed by the board on granted variances continue to be met.

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