

6800.6200 PRESCRIPTION ORDER COMMUNICATION.

Subpart 1. **Verbal or telephone orders.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of parts 6800.0100 to 6800.9700, a licensed pharmacist, registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse who is employed by a licensed facility and who is authorized by the facility's administrator and is acting on the behalf of the prescriber, may communicate to the pharmacy provider a prescription drug order lawfully ordered by a practitioner authorized to prescribe drugs or devices pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 151.37. Whenever possible, these prescription drug orders shall be transmitted via facsimile or secure electronic format, to the pharmacy in an order format which produces a direct copy of the chart order, which the prescriber will sign at a later date. The pharmacy provider shall record on the prescription drug order the name of the person who transmits the order in addition to the other required information. This subpart does not apply to prescription drug orders for Schedule II controlled substances as defined by part 6800.4220.

Subp. 2. **Written orders.** A copy of a written prescription drug order, signed by the prescriber, may be delivered to the pharmacy by an individual authorized by the facility.

Subp. 3. **Schedule II orders.** Except as provided in part 6800.3000, subparts 2 and 3, Schedule II controlled substances shall be dispensed only upon receipt of an original written prescription drug order manually signed by the prescribing individual practitioner or upon an oral order reduced to writing given in emergency situations as allowed by these criteria:

A. immediate administration of the controlled substance is necessary for the proper treatment of the intended ultimate user;

B. no appropriate alternative treatment is available, including administration of a drug which is not a controlled substance under schedule II of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 152 and parts 6800.4200 to 6800.4250; and

C. it is not reasonably possible for the prescribing practitioner to provide a written prescription drug order to be presented to the person dispensing the controlled substance, prior to dispensing.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 151.06; 151.102; 152.02*

History: *18 SR 1145; 23 SR 1597; 31 SR 1673; 36 SR 237*

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