

ENROLLED ACT NO. 49, SENATE

SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2017 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to the practice of pharmacy; amending provisions related to the practice of telepharmacy; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 33-24-101(b)(ii) and 33-24-156(a), (b)(i), (ii), by creating a new paragraph (vi), (c) and by creating a new subsection (d) are amended to read:

33-24-101. Short title; definitions.

(b) As used in this act:

(ii) "Telepharmacy" means a site ~~located within a medical clinic or community health center where~~ prescription drugs are stored and dispensed that is remote from but under the active control and supervision of a parent pharmacy and a licensed pharmacist, and that is ~~staffed during hours of operation by a certified pharmacy technician or registered pharmacy intern~~ subject to the requirements of W.S. 33-24-156;

33-24-156. Telepharmacy practice authorized.

(a) The board pursuant to its rules and regulations may authorize a ~~licensed resident~~ pharmacy licensee to store and dispense prescription drugs as provided in subsection (b) of this section through a telepharmacy located at a site at least ~~twenty-five (25)~~ ten (10) miles from a licensed pharmacy. except this ten (10) mile restriction does not apply:

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(i) In counties with a city of fifty thousand (50,000) or more persons as shown in the most recent federal census; or

(ii) To any facility owned or leased by the state or any subdivision of the state; or

(iii) To any facility located in a hospital or clinic setting.

(b) Telepharmacies shall include the following minimum features:

(i) Storage, security and dispensing of prescription drugs ~~in unit of issue packages or through a mechanical system which dispenses tablets or capsules from an enclosed and lockable cabinet directly into a prescription vial and prints and applies a prescription label to the vial; only:~~

(A) In unit of issue packages;

(B) Through a system which dispenses tablets or capsules from an enclosed and lockable cabinet directly into a prescription vial and prints and applies a prescription label to the vial; or

(C) By manually dispensing tablets, capsules or liquids from a stock bottle into a prescription vial and affixing a prescription label to the vial.

(ii) Connection by a secure communication system to the parent pharmacy, with the capability of live video and audio communication with a ~~registered~~ licensed

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pharmacist at the parent pharmacy during hours of operation;

(vi) Telepharmacies shall be supervised by a parent pharmacy and a licensed pharmacist and shall be staffed during hours of operation by a licensed pharmacist, certified pharmacy technician or registered pharmacy intern.

(c) A telepharmacy system operated as provided in this act and in accord with rules and regulations of the board is deemed to be operated under the charge of a ~~registered~~licensed pharmacist for purposes of W.S. 33-24-113(b). ~~A pharmacist may not serve as a pharmacist in charge for more than one (1) telepharmacy at any one time.~~

(d) A licensed pharmacist who supervises a telepharmacy shall complete an inspection of the telepharmacy at a frequency specified by the board of pharmacy. Inspection criteria shall be developed by the state board of pharmacy and all inspection criteria shall be included in the policies and procedures applicable to each telepharmacy site. Inspection reports shall be prepared pursuant to standards adopted by the board of pharmacy and shall be maintained by each telepharmacy until the next state board of pharmacy inspection.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2017.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk