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## PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

## CHANGES REGARDING THE FILLING OF AUTOMATED DISPENSING DEVICES

## **Section 1.** NAC 639.725 shall be amended as follows:

- 1. A mechanical counting device that is used by a **[pharmacy]** for dispensing medication to be taken orally must use one of the following methods to identify the contents of the device:
  - (a) The following information must be affixed to the front of each cell of the device:
    - (1) The generic name or trade name of the medication;
    - (2) The manufacturer of the medication;
    - (3) The strength of the medication;
    - (4) The expiration date of the medication;
    - (5) The lot number of the medication; and
    - (6) The initials of the pharmacist: (i) [w] Who placed the medication into the device; or
- (ii) Who verified the correctness of the drug placed into the device when it was placed by a pharmaceutical technician, pharmaceutical technician in training, or an intern pharmacist; or
- (b) A label that shows the generic name or trade name and the strength of the medication must be affixed to each cell of the device and a log must be kept for each cell which contains:
  - (1) An identification of the cell by the name of the medication or the number of the cell;
  - (2) The name of the manufacturer of the medication;
  - (3) The expiration date of the medication;
  - (4) The lot number of the medication;
  - (5) The amount of the medication placed in the device; and
- (6) The initials of the pharmacist who : (i) [w] Who placed the medication into the device  $[\cdot]$ ; or
- (ii) Who verified the correctness of the drug placed into the device when it was placed by a pharmaceutical technician, pharmaceutical technician in training, or an intern pharmacist.
- 2. The Board may prohibit a pharmacist from using a mechanical counting device for dispensing medication to be taken orally if he does not identify the contents of the device in accordance with the provisions of subsection 1.