

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 453.221, 453.256, 453.385 and 639.070.

A REGULATION relating to controlled substances; revising the provisions relating to the partial filling of a prescription; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 453.460 is hereby amended to read as follows:

453.460 1. A pharmacist may partially fill a prescription for a controlled substance listed in schedule II:

(a) If the pharmacist is unable to supply the full quantity called for in a written or emergency oral prescription and he makes a notation of the quantity supplied on the face of the written prescription or written record of the emergency oral prescription. The remaining portion of the prescription may be filled within 72 hours after the first partial filling. If the remaining portion is not or cannot be filled within the 72-hour period, the pharmacist shall notify the prescribing practitioner. No further quantity may be supplied beyond the 72-hour period without a new prescription.

(b) For a patient in a facility for long-term care or for a patient who has been diagnosed as having a terminal illness. The pharmacist shall record on the prescription that the patient is a “LTC patient” or “terminally ill.” The date of the partial filling, the quantity of the medication that is dispensed, the remaining quantity which is authorized to be dispensed, and the signature

or initials of the pharmacist must be recorded on the back of the prescription. The total quantity of the controlled substance that is dispensed in all partial fillings must not exceed the total quantity of the controlled substance that is prescribed. A prescription is valid for 60 days after the date of the prescription unless the prescription is terminated earlier by the discontinuance of medication.

2. A pharmacist may partially fill a prescription for a controlled substance listed in schedule III, IV or V. ~~if:~~

~~—(a) Each partial filling is recorded in the same manner as a refilling;~~

~~—(b) The total quantity dispensed in all partial fillings does not exceed the total quantity prescribed; and~~

~~—(c) No such filling occurs more than 6 months after the date on which the prescription was issued.]~~

A partial filling pursuant to this subsection does not constitute a full refill for the purposes of subsection 3 of NRS 453.256. A full refill of a prescription does not occur until the total quantity dispensed in all partial fillings equals the total quantity prescribed. Whenever a patient requests a partial filling, the pharmacist shall:

(a) Create and maintain a record of each partial refill that reflects the total quantity dispensed for any particular prescription;

(b) Ensure that the total quantity dispensed in all partial fillings does not exceed the total quantity prescribed; and

(c) Refuse to fill or partially fill any prescription more than 6 months after the date on which the prescription was issued.

3. As used in this section, “facility for long-term care” means a medical facility that provides 24-hour nursing services.