

**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 639.070, 639.2655 and 639.2801.

A REGULATION relating to mechanical counting devices for dispensing medication; revising the information that must be affixed to the front of each cell of the device or that must be logged for each cell; requiring that certain records be kept for not less than 2 years; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Section 1.** NAC 639.725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.725 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 date on which the pharmacist last placed the medication into the device; and*
  - (7) The initials of the pharmacist who:
    - (I) Placed the medication into the device; or

(II) Verified the correctness of the drug placed into the device when the drug was placed by a pharmaceutical technician, a 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 date on which the pharmacist last placed the medication into the device; and*
- (7) The initials of the pharmacist who:

(I) Placed the medication into the device; or

(II) Verified the correctness of the drug placed into the device when the drug was placed by a pharmaceutical technician, a pharmaceutical technician in training or an intern pharmacist.

2. *A record of any drug placed into a mechanical counting device must be maintained either electronically or manually for not less than 2 years and must include, without limitation, the information listed in paragraph (b) of subsection 1.*

3. The Board may prohibit a pharmacy from using a mechanical counting device for dispensing medication to be taken orally if the pharmacy does not identify the contents of the device in accordance with the provisions of subsection 1.