

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

A workshop to discuss the proposed regulation was conducted on December 4, 1997, and presented to the board at the January 21, 22, 1998, board meeting. This proposed regulation will be presented to the board for final approval at the March 11 and 12, 1998, board meeting.

R021-98 NAC 453.460 - Partial fill of schedule II, change from 72 hours to 7 days

453.460 Partial filling of prescription for controlled substance.

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] 7 days hours after the first partial filling. If the remaining portion is not or cannot be filled within the [72-hour] 7 day period, the pharmacist shall notify the prescribing practitioner. No further quantity may be supplied beyond the [72-hour] 7 day 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.

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