

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**LCB File No. R160-10**

Effective May 5, 2011

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

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 639.070 and 639.0745.

A REGULATION relating to prescriptions; providing that the requirements of certain federal regulations must be satisfied before a prescription is transmitted electronically; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Section 1.** NAC 639.7105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.7105 Except as otherwise provided in NAC 639.711:

1. A prescription for:
  - (a) A controlled substance listed in schedule II must not be transmitted electronically.
  - (b) A dangerous drug or a controlled substance listed in schedule III, IV or V may be transmitted electronically by a practitioner to a pharmacy.
2. A practitioner shall not transmit a prescription electronically to a pharmacy unless:
  - (a) He is the only person who will have access to the prescription until it is received by the pharmacy; ~~[and]~~
  - (b) The patient:
    - (1) Consents to the transmission of the prescription electronically; and
    - (2) Approves the pharmacy where the prescription will be transmitted ~~[ ]~~ ; *and*
  - (c) *All requirements of 21 C.F.R. Part 1311 are satisfied.*

3. In addition to the requirements set forth in NRS 639.2353 and 639.2589, a prescription that is transmitted electronically to a pharmacy must include:

(a) The registration number from the Drug Enforcement Administration of the prescribing practitioner if the prescription is for a controlled substance;

(b) The telephone number of the practitioner;

(c) The time and date of the transmission; and

(d) The name of the pharmacy to which the prescription is sent.

4. A pharmacist who receives a prescription that is transmitted electronically shall:

(a) Print a copy of the prescription on paper that is of sufficient quality to last for at least 2 years; and

(b) Keep a copy of the prescription for at least 2 years after he receives the prescription.

5. A pharmacist shall not dispense a prescription that is transmitted electronically until he determines that the prescription complies with the requirements of state and federal law.

6. A prescription that is transmitted electronically and complies with the provisions of this section shall be deemed an original prescription.

March 4, 2011

**INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT**

The informational statement required by NRS 233B.066 numerically conforms to the subsections of the statute as follows:

1. A DESCRIPTION OF HOW PUBLIC COMMENT WAS SOLICITED, A SUMMARY OF PUBLIC RESPONSE, AND AN EXPLANATION HOW OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SUMMARY.

Public comment was solicited through public notices posted in county courthouses and through mailings to interested parties.

There was no public response expressed relative to this proposed regulation.

2. THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO: (A) ATTENDED EACH HEARING; (B) TESTIFIED AT EACH HEARING; AND (C) SUBMITTED TO THE AGENCY WRITTEN STATEMENTS.

The number of persons who attended the hearing was 19.

The number of persons who testified at the hearing was 0.

The number of agency submitted statements was 0.

3. A DESCRIPTION OF HOW COMMENT WAS SOLICITED FROM AFFECTED BUSINESSES, A SUMMARY OF THEIR RESPONSE, AND AN EXPLANATION HOW OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SUMMARY.

Comments were solicited from affected businesses through posting of public notices in the county courthouses, by direct mailings to all interested persons who have requested notices of board of pharmacy meeting agendas and by direct mailings to professional and trade associations.

There was no response from affected businesses relative to this proposed regulation.

4. IF THE REGULATION WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT CHANGING ANY PART OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION, A SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR ADOPTING THE REGULATION WITHOUT CHANGE.

The proposed regulation was adopted without change as no testimony was offered.

5. THE ESTIMATED ECONOMIC EFFECT OF THE REGULATION ON THE BUSINESS WHICH IT IS TO REGULATE AND ON THE PUBLIC. THESE MUST BE STATED SEPARATELY, AND IN EACH CASE MUST INCLUDE:

A) BOTH ADVERSE AND BENEFICIAL EFFECTS.

This regulation should have no economic impact on affected businesses or on the public.

B) BOTH IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS.

This regulation will have no immediate or long-term economic effects on business or the public.

6. THE ESTIMATED COST TO THE AGENCY FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION.

Enforcement of the regulation will be performed during annual inspections of all pharmacies. There will be no additional cost incurred by the board.

7. A DESCRIPTION OF ANY REGULATIONS OF OTHER STATE OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHICH THE PROPOSED REGULATION OVERLAPS OR DUPLICATES AND A STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY THE DUPLICATION OR OVERLAPPING IS NECESSARY. IF THE REGULATION OVERLAPS OR DUPLICATES A FEDERAL REGULATION, THE NAME OF THE REGULATING FEDERAL AGENCY.

The Board of Pharmacy is not aware of any similar regulations of other state or government agencies that the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates.

8. IF THE REGULATION INCLUDES PROVISIONS WHICH ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN A FEDERAL REGULATION WHICH REGULATES THE SAME ACTIVITY, A SUMMARY OF SUCH PROVISIONS.

The Board of Pharmacy is not aware of any similar regulations of the same activity in which the federal regulation is more stringent.

9. IF THE REGULATION PROVIDES A NEW FEE OR INCREASES AN EXISTING FEE, THE TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT THE AGENCY EXPECTS TO COLLECT AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE MONEY WILL BE USED.

This regulation does not provide a new or increase of fees.