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TITLE 856 INDIANA BOARD OF PHARMACY

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DIGEST

Adds 856 IAC 1-37 to establish the definitions, standards, and requirements for centralized processing services of prescriptions and drug orders. Effective 30 days after filing with the secretary of state.

856 IAC 1-37

SECTION 1. 856 IAC 1-37 IS ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Rule 37. Centralized Processing of Prescription Drug Orders

856 IAC 1-37-1 “Centralized prescription drug order processing” defined

Authority: IC 25-26-13-4

Affected: IC 25-26

Sec. 1. “Centralized prescription drug order processing” means the processing by a pharmacy of a request from another pharmacy to do the following:

- (1) Fill or refill a prescription drug order.**
- (2) Perform processing functions, including the following:**
 - (A) Dispensing.**
 - (B) Drug utilization review.**
 - (C) Claims adjudication.**
 - (D) Refill authorizations.**
 - (E) Therapeutic interventions.**

(Indiana Board of Pharmacy; 856 IAC 1-37-1)

856 IAC 1-37-2 Centralized prescription processing

Authority: IC 25-26-13-4

Affected: IC 25-26

Sec. 2. A pharmacy, licensed or registered by the board, may perform or outsource centralized prescription processing services provided the parties have:

- (1) the same owner; or**
- (2) a written contract outlining the:**
 - (A) services to be provided; and**
 - (B) responsibilities and accountabilities of each party in fulfilling the terms of the contract in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations;**

and share a common electronic file or have appropriate technology to allow access to sufficient information necessary or required to fill or refill a prescription drug order. *(Indiana Board of Pharmacy; 856 IAC 1-37-2)*

856 IAC 1-37-3 Policy and procedures manual

Authority: IC 25-26-13-4

Affected: IC 25-26

Sec. 3. The parties performing or contracting for centralized prescription processing services shall maintain a policy and procedures manual and documentation that implementation is occurring in a manner that shall be made available to the

board for review, upon request, and that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) A description of how the parties will comply with federal and state laws and regulations.
- (2) The maintenance of the following:
 - (A) Appropriate records to identify the responsible pharmacist or pharmacists in the dispensing and counseling processes.
 - (B) A mechanism for tracking the prescription drug order during each step in the dispensing process.
 - (C) A mechanism to identify on the prescription label all pharmacies involved in dispensing the prescription drug order.
- (3) The provision of adequate security to:
 - (A) protect the product integrity; and
 - (B) prevent the illegal use or disclosure of protected health information.
- (4) The maintenance of a continuous quality improvement program for centralized prescription processing pharmacy services.

(Indiana Board of Pharmacy; 856 IAC 1-37-3)

Notice of Public Hearing

Under IC 4-22-2-24, notice is hereby given that on August 8, 2005 at 9:30 a.m., at the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, Indiana Government Center-South, 402 West Washington Street, Conference Room W064, Indianapolis, Indiana the Indiana Board of Pharmacy will hold a public hearing on a proposed new rule to establish the definitions, standards, and requirements for centralized processing services of prescription drug orders.

The Indiana Board of Pharmacy has the authority to promulgate rules for pharmacies and pharmacists. This proposed rule establishes the requirements for a pharmacy's use of a centralized processing system. The proposed rule provides pharmacies with the ability to utilize a central processing system for prescription drug orders. The use of the centralized processing system allows pharmacies to provide better patient care and quality. This rule will have no costs on the regulated entities.

Copies of these rules are now on file at the Indiana Government Center-South, 402 West Washington Street, Room W072 and Legislative Services Agency, One North Capitol, Suite 325, Indianapolis, Indiana and are open for public inspection.

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