

Minnesota Board of Pharmacy

SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING

At approximately 8:30 a.m., September 17, 2003, the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy met in Conference Room A, at the University Park Plaza Building, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board were in attendance. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board's Legal Counsel, Mr. Robert Holley.

After reviewing, revising, and approving the agenda for this meeting, the Board addressed the minutes of the meeting of July 23, 2003. Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Minutes be approved as written. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to a proposal for a new pharmacy being developed by Mr. Dan Lannon and Mr. Mike Pappus. Mr. Lannon and Mr. Pappus now, personally, appeared before the Board to discuss their proposal in that the pharmacy is unique in nature and involves one or more variances, if it is to meet Board of Pharmacy requirements. In that a location for their proposed pharmacy has not yet been identified, a formal application for licensure has not yet been fully executed. After discussing the concept for the new pharmacy with Mr. Lannon and Mr. Pappus, the Board took the position that the pharmacy operation being proposed could be approved in concept and that the details would be addressed when a completed application has been received.

The Board next addressed matters of a quasi-judicial nature and the meeting was temporarily closed to the public.

The first matter of a quasi-judicial nature to come before the Board was a presentation by Mr. Holley of a proposed stipulation and order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. Clifford Schroeder. The proposed stipulation and order was developed subsequent to a conference held July 30, 2003, with Mr. Schroeder to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The proposed stipulation and order has been agreed to and signed by Mr. Schroeder.

Mr. Schroeder now, personally, appeared before the Board to discuss the provisions of the proposed stipulation and order.

After discussing the proposed stipulation and order with Mr. Schroeder, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that the proposed stipulation and order be approved by the Board and that Mr. Holmstrom be directed to sign the proposed stipulation and order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed.

The Board now returned to its public session.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies, which it has received since its last meeting. The first such application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Cederstrom Specialty Pharmacy, in Willmar, Minnesota, by Mr. Sean Higgins, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that the space proposed for licensure does not meet the Board of Pharmacy's minimum space requirement, Mr. Gary Schneider moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the development of a variance request by Mr. Higgins relating to the pharmacy space, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The second application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Cub Pharmacy #768, in Savage, Minnesota, by Mr. Richard Braun, Cub District Manager. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Cub Pharmacy #749, in Shorewood, Minnesota, by Ms. Denise Peterson, District Manager. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The fourth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Curt's Pharmacy, in Albert Lea, Minnesota, by Mr. Curtis Clarambeau, Pharmacist-in-charge. After discussing this application, and the rather ill defined diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the Board defer taking final action on this application and directed Mr. Holmstrom to obtain a more defined plan for the pharmacy from Mr. Clarambeau. The motion passed.

The fifth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Longbella Drug, in Pillager, Minnesota, by Ms. Lani Longbella Roberts, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The sixth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Store T-1832, in Blaine, Minnesota, by Ms. Jennifer Eklund, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that the proposed patient-counseling area does not appear to meet the Board's requirements for "insurance of privacy," Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Mr. Gary Schneider seconded that the application be approved and a license issued contingent upon an improvement being made in the patient-counseling area, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure and with particular attention being paid to the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The seventh application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Store T-1831, in Champlin, Minnesota, by Ms. Bree Pedersen, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that the proposed patient-counseling area does not appear to meet the Board's requirements for "insurance of privacy," Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued contingent upon an improvement being made in the patient-counseling area, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure and with particular attention being paid to the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The eighth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Store T-1833, in Savage, Minnesota, by Mr. Michael Forbrook, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that Pharmacy Surveyor Stuart Vandenberg had already visited the pharmacy, and noting that the proposed patient-counseling area does not appear to meet the Board's requirements for "an assurance of privacy," Mr. Gary Schneider moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the application be approved and a license issued contingent upon an improvement being made in the patient-counseling area, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure and with particular attention being paid to the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The ninth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Walgreens Pharmacy #07781, in Blaine, Minnesota, by Ms. Jessica Leske, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting a proposed patient-counseling area that may not meet the Board's standards for "an assurance of privacy," Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure and with particular attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The final application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Walgreens Pharmacy #07388, in St. Paul, Minnesota, by Mr. Landen Sanderson, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and noting that the application package lacked any plans or diagrams for the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the Board defer taking action on this application until appropriate plans for the pharmacy are received. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next provided the Board with a report from the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force. The CEATF report provides the Board a list of continuing education programs submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of July 8, 2003 and August 12, 2003. After reviewing the list of programs submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that those programs recommended for approval be so approved and that those programs for which denial of approval was recommended be denied. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next provided the Board with the report from the Examination Committee. The first item of the report was the performance of candidates for licensure by examination who have completed all parts of the June 2003 Board Examination.

For the Full Board Examination candidates, the Board determined that, in grading the examinations, the NAPLEX portion of the exam would be weighted at 65% of the total, the Board's Practical Examination weighted at 20% of the total, the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination weighted at 15% of the total, and that the minimum passing score on each of those parts, as well as the minimum overall score, would be 75. With the passing level thus established, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the following candidates be granted licensure as pharmacists:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>REGISTRATION #</u>
Andreas Bjerneby	8308	117699-1
Kelly L. Ruby	8430	117821-6
Cassica D. Schlichtmann	8431	117822-9
Paul Joseph Cihunka	8432	117823-2
Shari Lynn Ditlefsen	8433	117824-5
Kathleen G. E. Green	8435	117825-8
Benjamin G. Hawk	8436	117826-1
Michael Joseph Ledoux	8437	117827-4
Shannon Eileen Sauer	8438	117828-7
Matthew D. Seil	8439	117840-7
Vincent G. Brickley, Jr.	8440	117830-0
Dawn M. Chaffee	8441	117831-3
Michael David Haight	8442	117832-6
Heather Marie Meehan	8443	117833-9
Amy Jean Niess	8444	117834-2

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>REGISTRATION #</u>
James Allen Roe	8445	117835-5
Letty Man Chi Tam	8446	117836-8
Janet Kay Timmerman	8447	117837-1
David Michael Timonen	8448	117838-4
Rachel Dawn Brandt	8449	117839-7
Natalie B. Kravchenko	8450	117841-0
Melonie Maitland	8451	117842-3
Rande L. Paquin-Stanton	8452	117843-6
Holly Ann Samuels	8453	117844-9
Kent Philip Breems	8454	117845-2
Sarah E. Churchill	8455	117846-5
Leah A. Hamilton	8456	117847-8
Kimberlee Ann Kohout	8457	117848-1
Bree K. Pedersen	8458	117849-4
Sarah Elizabeth Groen	8460	117851-7
Jeremiah Lee Johnson	8461	117852-0
Benjamin Meyers	8462	117853-3
Kelley Y. Chiaventone	8463	117854-6
Erica Jill Foster	8464	117855-9
Anna Hackman	8465	117856-2
Anne E. Jeffries	8466	117857-5
Heidi M. Yerges	8467	117858-8
Anders D. Westanmo	8468	117859-1
Kendra Lynn Smith	8469	117860-1
Colleen Marie Allison	8471	117862-7
Amiee Cheak Lau	8472	117863-0
Ryan E. Okerlund	8473	117864-3
Amanda Mae Johnson	8475	117866-9
Corinne S. Miller	8476	117867-2
Jennifer Seil	8477	117868-5
Frank Agyeman-Mensah	8478	117869-8
Jennifer J. Becker	8479	117870-8
Tu Minh Doan	8480	117871-1
Khao Yeu Ly	8481	117872-4
Jason Leo Carrollo	8484	117875-3
Cara Kay Olsen	8485	117876-6
Mark Paul Jakubowski	8492	117878-2
Ngoc Chi Nguyen	8493	117879-5
Allyson L. Reinsch	8494	117880-5
Raylesha Creighton-Lewis	8495	117881-8
Emily R. A. Walsh	8496	117882-1
Nathan John Brinkman	8498	117886-3
Witra K. Chulindra	8499	117887-6
Karia Joy Wiggins	8502	117890-2
Kimam Dinh	8505	117893-1

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>REGISTRATION #</u>
Terrance J. Thurmer, Jr.	8506	117894-4
Jean Yeung Moon	8509	117897-3
Lori Ann Moberg	8518	117883-4

The motion passed.

The Board next addressed itself to the Examination Committee report of the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity who have taken the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination for Minnesota since the Board's last meeting. After a thorough review of the performance of candidates for licensure by reciprocity, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that, having passed the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination required of candidates for licensure by reciprocity, the following candidates be granted such licensure based on their current license to practice in the state listed with their name:

<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE OF ORIGINAL LICENSURE</u>
8459	Arlyn Dean Picken	IA
8470	Douglas Michael Smith	SD
8474	Edwin Allen Wright	IA
8482	Vandi Jo Anderson	ND
8483	Lisa Marie Vandrovec	ND
8486	Gerard Joseph Barnes	OR
8496	Amy Noelle Bower	AZ
8497	Michael Roger Vande Zande	IL
8500	Amanda Zahasky Davis	IA
8501	Wendy Irene Brown	ND
8503	Laurie L. Brunner	IL
8504	Mark Robert Edwards	IA
8507	Jennifer R. Hays	IL
8508	Jacqueline Mary Howley	SD
8510	Jessica Ruby Barthelme	TX
8511	Kimberly Joy Butler	NV
8512	Erin L. Conley	PA
8513	Jason Alan Egge	IA
8514	Stephanie Marie Keller	ND
8515	Deanne Elizabeth Tabb	GA

The Board next considered a request from staff regarding examination policy, specifically the time period during which candidates will be expected to complete the examination process. After discussing this issue, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to inform staff that the issue will need to be addressed in rule-making and to prepare the language necessary to impose an 18-month time limit on finishing the examination process for inclusion in the next rule-making effort by the Board.

The Board next turned its attention to a letter it received from Ms. Li-Ping Yap requesting an opportunity to be registered as a pharmacist preceptor in spite of not having been licensed for two full years as is required by Board rules. After discussing Ms. Yap's request, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that Ms. Yap's request be denied on the basis that she failed to demonstrate that her experience as a licensed pharmacist was equal to or better than that experience required by Board rule. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the Board with the report from the Board's Variance Committee. After a brief discussion, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the Board approve the Variance Committee report and grant the variances recommended for approval by the Variance Committee, deny those variances recommended for denial by the Variance Committee, and defer action on those variance requests that were recommended for deferral pending the receipt of additional information by the Variance Committee. The motion passed.

At this time, Pharmacist Richard Bleck, from Park Nicollet Pharmacy, appeared before the Board to request reconsideration of the denial of a variance that was submitted to the Board at the Board's meeting in June of 2003. Mr. Bleck described the development of the Park Nicollet Heart Center that will be taking place adjacent to Methodist Hospital and described in detail the proposed medication distribution system for the patients at the heart center. After a thorough discussion of the issues involved in Mr. Bleck's request, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the Board allow Mr. Bleck's proposal to be reconsidered and that Mr. Bleck should bring back revised plans for reconsideration by the Variance Committee at its November 12th meeting. The motion passed.

The Board next considered an e-mail sent by Pharmacist Ken Nelson to Pharmacy Board Surveyor Candice Fleming regarding issues associated with computerized physician order entry. After discussing the issues involved, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the Board's position on computerized physician order entry is that the Board feels very strongly that doses of medication being ordered should not be released for administration to hospital inpatients until the order is reviewed by a pharmacist. The motion passed.

The Board next addressed a letter received from Mr. Jeff Lindoo requesting that the Board interpret current language of its rule relating to communication of prescription orders in long term care facilities that would allow pharmacists to accept orders transmitted to the pharmacy by a nurse at an assisted-living facility. After a brief discussion of the issue, the Board deferred taking any formal action on the request and directed Mr. Holmstrom to put the item on the agenda for the Board's Strategic Planning meeting scheduled for November.

The Board next addressed itself to a request for information from Ms. Anne Cordes regarding clarification of whether licensure is required when a pharmacist in another state provides professional pharmacy services in the form of DUR and drug therapy management over the internet to Minnesota residents. After a brief discussion of the issues involved, Mr. Holmstrom was directed to inform Ms. Cordes that licensure as a Minnesota pharmacist would not be required and that the Board's position is that the professional services are provided at the pharmacist's location rather than at the patient's location.

The Board next turned its attention to an e-mail received from Mr. Andrew Gall on behalf of a pharmaceutical company called Methapharm. Mr. Gall is requesting the Board's intervention in compounding of prescriptions by Minnesota pharmacists that compete with a commercial product marketed by Methapharm. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to inform Mr. Gall that the Board has no rules that prevent pharmacists from such compounding and that Methapharm should take up this issue with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Ms. Jean Lemberg next presented the Board with information she received from her insurance company advocating that she and other policyholders obtain their prescription drugs from Canada. The Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to send the information provided by Ms. Lemberg to Mr. Robert Holley, the Board's Legal Counsel, and to the Minnesota Pharmacists Association for their review.

Mr. Vern Kassekert and Mr. Carleton Crawford next provided the Board with a summary of the District V meeting of the boards and colleges that they attended in August, in Nebraska. Mr. Kassekert and Mr. Crawford indicated the meeting was focused largely on medication errors and steps that pharmacists and boards of pharmacy can take to reduce the impact on public health of medication errors.

There being no further business requiring official action by the Board at this time, President Johnson adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:15 p.m.

PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

VARIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
August 20, 2003

New Variances

Bemidji Clinic Pharmacy MeritCare (Bemidji)

Susan Schnase, PIC

Request permission to provide pre-script services at their Kelliher Clinic location

Approved – one year (on condition you clarify quantities; i.e., is it one pack of four Augmentin, or is it four packs of one)

Columbia Park Medical Group Pharmacy (Andover)

Al Brosseau, PIC

Request permission to dispense refill prescriptions from a different location within our clinic when the pharmacy needs to close during normal business hours

Approved – one year (on condition only prescriptions written by the physicians at these clinics can be left with the physicians, and the physicians must personally distribute the prescriptions and counsel the patients)

Columbia Park Medical Group Pharmacy (Columbia Heights)

Dan Aulwes, PIC

Request permission to dispense refill prescriptions from a different location within our clinic when the pharmacy needs to close during normal business hours

Approved – one year (on condition only prescriptions written by the physicians at these clinics can be left with the physicians, and the physicians must personally distribute the prescriptions and counsel the patients)

Fairview Chanhassen Pharmacy (Chanhassen)

Kimberly Saverno, PIC

Request permission to utilize the ADDS System to dispense medications to patients at Cedar Riverside People's Center, which is located in Minneapolis, with Fairview Chanhassen Pharmacy being the controlling pharmacy

Approved – one year (on condition they send us their policies and procedures signed by the pharmacist-in-charge)

Fairview Specialty Services Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Gregg Killo, PIC

Request is to have two different prescription labels with two different names to eliminate confusion that their patients presently have because of their two lines of business being mail order and specialty transplant patients

Denied (no as proposed because Fairview Mail Services is not a licensed entity; however, you could put Fairview Specialty Services d/b/a Fairview Mail Services on the label)

Hanson Drug (Winthrop)

Brad Nelson, PIC

Request permission to utilize the ScriptPro SP 100 Robotic Prescription Dispensing System in their pharmacy

Deferred (need more information, and DH to send them guidelines)

LTC Prescription Providers (Proctor)

Douglas White, PIC

Request permission to allow the pharmacy to accept return of medications from the Primrose

Assisted-Living Facility, in Duluth, Minnesota, using the Artromick/Drustar Select Series II 7-day (unit dose) System

Approved – one year

Mayo Clinic Pharmacy Northwest (Rochester)

Robert Gaffron, PIC

Request is to enable the pharmacy Annex, which serves and operates under the licenses of Mayo Clinic Pharmacy (Subway) and Mayo Clinic Pharmacy-Baldwin, to perform support activities for this pharmacy

Denied

Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy (Rochester)

Gary Pundt, PIC

Request to utilize off-site storage of information relating to prescriptions, invoices, and business records

Denied (can't you find this small amount of space within the pharmacy)

Omnicare – Minnesota (Crystal)

Justin Weiss, PIC

Request permission to provide an emergency supply of medications to Lake Owasso facility

Approved – one year (on condition there is an LPN or RN on duty 24/7)

Omnicare – Minnesota (Crystal)

Justin Weiss, PIC

Request permission to implement an automated medication management system in the subacute unit of Minnesota Masonic HCC

Denied (Statute does not allow stock supplies; and, further, who will be owning the machine? The Board declines to add this location to the existing pilot project, which expires on February 26, 2004)

Pediatric Home Service Pharmacy (Roseville)

Pam Johnson, PIC

Request permission to allow pharmacists or nurses at their facility to accept verbal medication orders from physicians

Deferred (Candice to speak with Pharmacist-in-charge)

PharMerica (Fridley)

Scott Bryngelson, PIC

Request permission to deliver prescriptions to four various Boston Health Care Systems Group Homes to the Boston Central Office Drop Site

Approved – one year

Virginia Regional Medical Center Pharmacy (Virginia)

Steve Palazzari, PIC

Request permission to allow certified technicians to check technicians regarding the restocking of the Omnicell automated dispensing system

Deferred (DH to send them guidelines)

Walgreens Pharmacy (Burnsville)

Kathleen Ites, PIC

Request permission to utilize Baker APS Systems automated counting baker cassettes in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (on condition "return to stock" is done by pharmacist personally; steps taken to avoid cross-contamination; and, on final check by the pharmacist, policies and procedures must call for the use of the pictogram provided by the Walgreen's computer system)

Walgreens #06573 (Coon Rapids)

Robert Hammons, PIC

Request permission to utilize Baker APS Systems automated counting baker cassettes in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (on condition you clarify whether this is cassettes or cells; "return to stock" is done by pharmacist personally; steps taken to avoid cross-contamination; and, on final check by the pharmacist, policies and procedures must call for the use of the pictogram provided by the Walgreen's computer system)

Walgreens #05634 (Lakeville)

Trudy Matthys, PIC

Request permission to utilize Baker cassettes in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (on condition "return to stock" is done by pharmacist personally; and, on final check by the pharmacist, policies and procedures must call for the use of the pictogram provided by the Walgreen's computer system)

Walgreens Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Brent Schicker, PIC

Request permission to utilize Baker APS Systems automated counting Baker Cells in their pharmacy
Approved – one year (on condition "return to stock" is done by pharmacist personally; and, on final check by the pharmacist, policies and procedures must call for the use of the pictogram provided by the Walgreen's computer system)

Walgreens #06447 (Mounds View)

Ashraf Zaki, PIC

Request permission to utilize Baker APS Systems automated counting baker cells in their pharmacy
Deferred (on condition you must do your own policies and procedures; clarify whether this is cassettes or cells; "return to stock" is done by pharmacist personally; steps taken to avoid cross-contamination, if using cassettes; and, on final check by the pharmacist, policies and procedures must call for the use of the pictogram provided by the Walgreen's computer system)

Walgreens Pharmacy #02355 (St. Paul)

Richard Burnson, PIC

Request permission to utilize Baker APS Systems automated Baker Cell cassettes in their pharmacy
Approved – one year (on condition you clarify whether this is cassettes or cells; "return to stock" is done by pharmacist personally; steps taken to avoid cross-contamination, if using cassettes; and, on final check by the pharmacist, policies and procedures must call for the use of the pictogram provided by the Walgreen's computer system)

Walgreens Pharmacy #02465 (White Bear Lake)

Thomas Kelzenberg, PIC

Request permission to utilize Baker Cassette automated counting machine in their pharmacy
Approved – one year

Walgreens Pharmacy #03187 (White Bear Lake)

Jolene Gores, PIC

Request permission to utilize Baker APS Systems automated counting baker cassettes in their pharmacy
Approved – one year (on condition you clarify whether this is cassettes or cells; "return to stock" is done by pharmacist personally; steps taken to avoid cross-contamination; and, on final check by the pharmacist, policies and procedures must call for the use of the pictogram provided by the Walgreen's computer system)

White Community Hospital Pharmacy (Aurora)

Mary Fossell, PIC

Request to use AccuDose-RX System in hospital

Denied as written (no floor stock as primary distributing system; must have pharmacist interpret order; and DH to send them guidelines)

Extensions

Albert Lea Medical Center Outpatient Pharmacy (Albert Lea)

Leo Held, PIC

Extension relates to variance to receive, store, and dispense legend medication samples for Albert Lea Medical Center Clinic physicians
Approved – one year

Bois Forte Medical Clinic (Nett Lake)

William Marvel, PIC

Request permission to deliver pharmacy services to the Tower Vermillion Clinic, on Lake Vermillion, near Tower, Minnesota, in emergency situations when no provider is available at the Tower Vermillion Clinic for consultation at time prescriptions are given to the client
Approved – one year

Children's Home Care Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Mark Thomas, PIC

Extension relates to variance for exemption of required pieces of equipment in pharmacies
Approved – two years

Dakota Treatment Center Pharmacy (Burnsville)

Bernard Heinz, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing exemption from balances, weights, mortars and pestles, etc.; exemption from a solid physical barrier around the pharmacy perimeter; and exemption from conducting DUR for each patient at each visit

Approved – two years

Fairview Hiawatha Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Kevin Weckwerth, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing Fairview Hiawatha Pharmacy to stock and dispense sample medications for the physicians of the Fairview Hiawatha Clinic

Approved – one year (send updated policies and procedures)

Fairview Northland Pharmacy – Elk River (Elk River)

Cheryl Nelson, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing Fairview Northland Pharmacy – Elk River to accept the return of unused medications from the Sherburne County Jail

Approved – one year (how often are records and storage reviewed)

Fairview Northland Pharmacy – Princeton (Princeton)

Kurt Gramith, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the Fairview Northland Pharmacy – Princeton to stock and dispense sample medications for the physicians at Fairview Northland Clinics located within the Fairview Northland Hospital complex

Cancelled (per Pharmacist-in-charge variance no longer needed)

Granite Falls Municipal Hospital Pharmacy (Granite Falls)

Jason Linden, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the nurse/technician to perform certain duties in the pharmacy during brief periods of time when the pharmacist is unable to because of a committee meeting or at lunch

Approved – one year

Hennepin County Medical Center Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

David Graves, PIC

Extension relates to variance relating to the filling of refills from all four pharmacy locations, even if the original prescription was filled in one of the other HCMC pharmacy locations (the request being these transactions are treated as refills rather than prescription transfers)

Approved – one year

Hennepin County Medical Center – 4 North Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Thomas Thompson, PIC

Extension relates to variance relating to the filling of refills from all four pharmacy locations, even if the original prescription was filled in one of the other HCMC pharmacy locations (the request being these transactions are treated as refills rather than prescription transfers)

Approved – one year

Hennepin County Medical Center Outpatient Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Norm Wikelius, PIC

Extension relates to variance relating to the filling of refills from all four pharmacy locations, even if the original prescription was filled in one of the other HCMC pharmacy locations (the request being these transactions are treated as refills rather than prescription transfers)

Approved – one year

Extension relates to the variance for an exemption at 1 North Pharmacy to a requirement that continuous partition or wall extending from the floor to the permanent ceiling surround the pharmacy
Permanent

Hutchinson Community Hospital Pharmacy (Hutchinson)

Dawn Hagen, PIC

Extensions relate to variances relating to pharmacy control of sample medication storage and distribution for Hutchinson Community Hospital Pharmacy's Outpatient Mental Health Clinic, on site; and, nonadjoining space utilized by the pharmacy department as part of the licensed hospital pharmacy

Approved – two years

Mayo Clinic Pharmacy (Rochester)

Peter Bjerke, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing Mayo Clinic Pharmacy to move some selective functions into a nonpatient support area, without having to obtain a second license; allowing the Annex to act as a centralized support and prescription assembly facility to serve both Mayo Subway and Baldwin Pharmacies; and to utilize Mayo's automated process as a replacement for the required visual check of the original manufacturer's container from which medication is withdrawn for a given prescription Deferred (the Annex must be licensed as central fill pharmacy; you must visually check variances; and comply with NABP guidelines)

Mayo Clinic Pharmacy – Baldwin (Rochester)

Denise Nesbitt, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing Mayo Clinic Pharmacy to move some selective functions into a nonpatient support area, without having to obtain a second license; allowing the Annex to act as a centralized support and prescription assembly facility to serve both Mayo Subway and Baldwin Pharmacies; and to utilize Mayo's automated process as a replacement for the required visual check of the original manufacturer's container from which medication is withdrawn for a given prescription Deferred (the Annex must be licensed as central fill pharmacy; you must visually check variances; and comply with NABP guidelines)

Merwin LTC Pharmacy #3 (Cambridge)

Steve DeStefano, PIC

Extension relates to variance to continue establishing emergency kits at Minnesota Extended Treatment Options in Cambridge, Minnesota

Approved – one year

Nord's Pharmacy & Gifts (Fosston)

John Nord, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing Nord's Pharmacy to prepackage medications for dispensing by physicians from Fosston, at the Oklee Clinic, in Oklee, Minnesota

Approved – one year

Owatonna Hospital Pharmacy (Owatonna)

Miki Finnin, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing Owatonna Hospital Pharmacy to provide an emergency kit that includes controlled substances to the Owatonna Area Home Care and Hospice (through the Pyxis Unit)

Approved – one year

PharMerica (Fridley)

Scott Bryngelson, PIC

Extension relates to expansion of E-kit at Beverly Health Care of Bloomington

Approved – one year

Regions Hospital Pharmacy (St. Paul)

Ken Nelson, PIC

Extension relates to variance relating to the continuation of a Tech-Check-Tech program at Regions Hospital

Approved – one year (DH to send them guidelines)

Rochester Methodist Hospital Pharmacy – Mayo Clinic (Rochester)

Karen Bergrud, PIC

Extensions relate to variances allowing pharmacy technicians to waste and witness excess controlled substances returned to the pharmacy from anesthesiology, and allowing the hospital pharmacy to utilize technicians in a ratio of five technicians to one pharmacist in the production/compounding area only

Approved – one year

Rx Express (Blaine)

Larry Lindberg, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing Rx Express to accept returns of blister packed medications from assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year (on condition you send us a list of facilities involved and a document showing dates of inspection at each place)

St. Mary's Hospital Pharmacy (Rochester)

Richard Streit, PIC

Extension relates to allowing pharmacy technicians to waste and witness excess controlled substances returned to the pharmacy from anesthesiology

Approved – one year

Setzer Pharmacy (Roseville)

Peter Haas, PIC

Extension relates to allowing Ms. Terese Wynia, an LPN who is employed at your pharmacy as a technician, to take verbal prescription orders from physician offices

Approved – one year

Tri County Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy (Wadena)

Paul Neitzke, PIC

Extension relates to allow Tri-County Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy through a telepharmacy project to provide certain services to Sebeka Clinic

Approved – one year (on condition you include information about identification of the drug during patient consultations)

PIC Changes:

N/A