

Variance & Policy Review Committee Report of July 22nd, 2026

9:00 AM in the Big Stone Conference Room and via WebEx

Attendees: Ame Carlson, Kendra Metz, Michael Haag, Kelly Hadsall, Andrea Bistodeau, Robert Johnson, Lisa Tollefson, Mariah Sergot, Victoria Kroeger, Jeff Ryan, Tamara Haase, Lisa Carlson, McKenzie Dearborn, Jacob Reuter, Dave Brooks, Joe Anderson, Amy Paradis, Jacqueline Miller, Sam Barakat, Aaron Sagedahl, Mark Smosna, Mira Magnar, Shawna Audette, Tori Grier Matt Rowles.

For Board Meeting of August 19th, 2026

Meeting Appointments

10:00 AM

3710	Grand St. Paul CVS, L.L.C.	
Policy	policy review of unique identifiers of RDAC for an RxConnect prescription	118 MN Locations
Revisions	medication dispensing system (121). (Revisions sent 7/26)	
	Revisions Approved	
4070	Grand St. Paul CVS, L.L.C.	
VAR	to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including	119 MN Locations
Renewal	verification, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification for new or refillable	
(8/14/2026)	prescriptions, by more than one pharmacist on site or any approved Minnesota located CVS pharmacy.	
	Conditions: that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for Board approval prior to implementation. Additionally, that all dispensing MN pharmacists, technicians and clerks are trained on CVS Policy 'ROPP 052503 Patient Counseling – Minnesota' within 60 days and documentation of acknowledgement occurs with any new pharmacy employees and, at minimum, annually. The documentation of the policy training would need to be maintained in the regulatory file box or similar and be retrievable for review on inspection or request by the board.	
	Approved	
	4 Years	
	Conditions - that the pharmacy staff follow the approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for Board approval prior to implementation. Additionally, that all pharmacists, technicians and clerks are trained on CVS Policy 'ROPP 052503 Patient Counseling – Minnesota' and documentation of training occurs with any new pharmacy employees and, at minimum, annually. The documentation of the policy training (i.e. proof of completing module) would need to be maintained in the regulatory file box and be retrievable for review on inspection or request by the board.	
4071	Grand St. Paul CVS, L.L.C.	
VAR	to allow an exemption from the Board's rule regarding central service label	119 MN Locations
Renewal	requirements.	
(8/14/2026)	Approved	
	4 Years	

10:30 AM

4400	Sterling Drug/Kennedy Drug	
Policy	Policy Review for Central filling by Sterling Drug #4 for 10 Minnesota located retail	11 MN Locations
Revisions	pharmacies(revisions sent 6/26)	
	Revisions Approved	
4401	Sterling Drug/Kennedy Drug	
Policy	Policy Review of Nexia Automation(revisions sent 6/26)	Fairmont, MN
Revisions	Conditions:	264421

Revisions Approved

4456 Sterling Drug/Kennedy Drug
 VAR To allow no pharmacist to do final check/certification of prescriptions filled by the Fairmont, MN
 New automated drug distribution system used at the central service pharmacy 264421

Approved
1 Year

Conditions - that the pharmacy follows the approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for Board approval prior to implementation. Additionally, that you send a quarterly error report separating out the errors related to the automated counting device discovered at Sterling Drug #4 and the Minnesota Retail sites, the corrective and preventative actions taken to address the errors, and that the pharmacy has an ongoing quality/accuracy assessment process of the automated device.

11:00 AM

4412 Amazon Pharmacy
 Policy Policy Review of Centralized Prescription Processing for Amazon #013 located in 1 MN Location
 Resubmission Golden Valley, MN and 6 non resident pharmacies 6 Non Resident

Approved

4415 Amazon Pharmacy
 VAR To allow for split certification between Amazon #013 located in Golden Valley, MN 1 MN Location
 Resubmission and 6 non resident pharmacies 6 Non Resident

Approved
1 Year

Conditions - that the pharmacy follows the approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for Board approval prior to implementation. Additionally, that the non-resident pharmacies provide a list of Minnesota licensed pharmacists and Minnesota registered technicians, engaged in central services with Amazon #013, to the Board prior to starting services and with renewal of the variance.

4460 Amazon Pharmacy
 VAR To allow Amazon Pharmacy #13 to print the phone number of the Amazon 24/7 Golden Valley, MN
 New counseling support phone number instead of their own. 267272

Approved
Indefinitely

Conditions - that the pharmacist-in-charge, Mira Magner, does not change.

4461 Amazon Pharmacy
 VAR To allow Minnesota-licensed pharmacists, who are employed by and located at Golden Valley, MN
 New any of the 6 Minnesota-licensed non-resident pharmacies, to provide patient 6 Non Resident
 counseling to the Minnesota patient receiving the prescription, even though the pharmacists are not physically located at Amazon Pharmacy #013.

Approved
1 Year

Conditions - that counseling is provided by Minnesota Licensed Pharmacists under this variance.

11:30 AM

4404 Fairview Specialty Services Pharmacy
 Policy Policy Review of BD Rowa Vmax Automation Shoreview, MN
 Resubmission **Not Approved. Need to work with a surveyor** 267207

4405 Fairview Pharmacy Services, LLC
 Policy Policy Review of unique Identifier for BD Parata Complete Connect Software for Shoreview, MN
 Resubmission Automation (Log in) 267207

Not Approved. Need to work with a surveyor

4406	Fairview Specialty Services Pharmacy	
Policy Resubmission	Policy Review of BD Parata Max2+ automation	Shoreview, MN 267207
	Not Approved. Need to work with a surveyor	
4455	Fairview Specialty Services Pharmacy	
Policy New	To allow no pharmacist to do final check/certification of prescriptions filled by the automated drug distribution system used at the central service pharmacy	Shoreview, MN 267207
	Denied due to lack of accuracy studies for both types of automation, clear procedure on conducting the 5% daily audits, including what the 5% is based on for both, how are the 5% routed to the pharmacist, audit of more than quantity (label integrity, debris, foreign objects, etc.) Policy references OptiFill (page 13-14)	

Policy Reviews & Variances

3453	Avel eCare Pharmacy	
VAR Renewal (8/14/2026)	to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Avel eCare Pharmacy in Sioux Falls, SD and Avel eCare Pharmacy in San Antonio, TX for Appleton Area Health, Johnson Memorial Health (Dawson), Avera Granite Falls, Hendricks Hospital, Meeker Memorial (Litchfield), Madison Hospital, Avera Marshall, CCM Health (Montevideo), Mille Lacs Health System (Onamia), Pipestone Medical Center, Sleepy Eye Medical Center, Avera Tyler, Warren Community Hospital, Ely Bloomenson Hospital Pharmacy, and Glacial Ridge Hospital Pharmacy. Conditions: Standard after hours	San Antonio, TX -267056 Sioux Falls, SD -266383
	Approved 2 Years Conditions - Standard afterhours letter	
3757	Avel eCare Pharmacy	
VAR Renewal (8/14/2026)	to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Avel eCare Pharmacy in Sioux Falls, SD and Avel eCare Pharmacy in San Antonio, TX. Conditions: See letter.	15 MN Locations
	Approved 2 Years Conditions - Standard afterhours letter	

4424	Avera McKennan	
VAR Resubmission Denied 4/22/26 Board Meeting	To allow placement of Nexsys Automated Dispensing Cabinet at New Life Treatment Center, in Woodstock, MN for dispensing of prescribed medications.	Sioux Falls, SD 267159
	Denied due to the policies are lacking detailed and clear processes, steps, and procedures. Policy is missing critical steps and procedures are not included or explained in detail within the policy	

1895	ePharmacist Direct	
VAR Revisions (2/11/2028)	to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by ePharmacist Direct (CommonSpirit Health) in Fargo, ND for LifeCare Medical Center, St. Francis Medical Center, Lakewood Health, St. Gabriel's Hospital, St. Joseph's Area Health Services, and Stevens Community Medical Center when the hospital pharmacies are closed from normal business hours of operation and on demand daytime hours when the pharmacist is not on duty for Lakewood Health(Revisions sent 6/26 to include daytime on demand orders for St. Gabriels Hospital) Conditions: Standard Afterhours Conditions letter for 2 yr data	Fargo, ND 266508

Approved
Align with other sites: 2/11/2028
Conditions - standard afterhours

1762 VAR Revisions (2/11/2028)	St. Gabriels's Hospital to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by ePharmacist Direct (CommonSpirit Health) in Fargo, ND for the associated Minnesota Hospital Pharmacies when the hospital pharmacy is closed from normal business hours of operation.(Revisions sent 6/26 to include daytime on demand orders for St. Gabriels Hospital) Conditions: Standard Afterhours Conditions letter for 2 yr data	Little Falls, MN - 201045
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Approved
Align with other sites: 2/11/2028
Conditions - standard afterhours

2638 VAR Revisions (2/11/2028)	ePharmacist Direct to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by ePharmacist Direct (Breckenridge) for Lakewood Health, Lifecare Medical Center, St. Francis Medical Center, St. Gabriels Hospital, St. Joseph's Area Health Services, and Stevens Community Medical Center when the hospital pharmacies are closed after normal business hours of operation and on demand daytime hours when the pharmacist is not on duty for Lakewood Health. (Revisions sent 6/26 to include daytime on demand orders for St. Gabriels Hospital) Conditions: Standard Afterhours Conditions letter for 2 yr data	Breckenridge, MN 264443
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Approved
Align with other sites: 2/11/2028
Conditions - standard afterhours

2640 VAR Revisions (2/11/2028)	St. Gabriels's Hospital to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by ePharmacist Direct (Breckenridge) for the associated Minnesota Hospital Pharmacies when the hospital pharmacy is closed from normal business hours of operation(Revisions sent 6/26 to include daytime on demand orders for St. Gabriels Hospital) Conditions: Standard Afterhours Conditions letter for 2 yr data	Little Falls, MN - 201045
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Approved
Align with other sites: 2/11/2028
Conditions - standard afterhours

3598 VAR Renewal (8/9/2026)	Geritom Med, Inc. to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including verification, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification for new or refillable prescriptions, by more than one pharmacist on site - (Conditions) Conditions: that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for Board approval prior to implementation	Bloomington, MN 261375
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Approved
3 Years
Conditions - same as above AND work with vendor to reduce auto logoff time to be 5 minutes or less to be consistent with other stakeholders.

4438 Policy Resubmission Denied 6/10/26 Board Meeting	Goodrich Pharmacy Policy Review of Unique Identifiers for Pioneer RX Software Conditions: Not Approved. Need to work with a surveyor to assist in meeting guidance document elements.	Anoka, MN - 265082 Andover, MN - 265079 Elk River, MN - 265080 Anoka, MN - 266301 St Francis, MN - 265084
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4305	Guardian Pharmacy of Minneapolis, LLC		
VAR	to allow the use of BD Medbank for an expanded EKit in Select Skilled Nursing Facilities	Eden Prairie, MN	266310
Renewal (6/18/2026)	Conditions: that any policy and/or Ekit content changes are to be highlighted within the policies and submitted for Board approval prior to implementation.		
	Approved 3 Years		
	Conditions - same as above		

4452	Hy-Vee Pharmacy		
VAR	To allow Hy-Vee, Inc. located in Preston, MN to utilize telepharmacy services via Hy-Vee, Inc. located in Eagan, MN with Hy-Vee, Inc. located in Austin, MN Serving as the backup.	Preston, MN - 265800	
New	Denied due to not meeting or addressing elements within the telepharmacy guidance document. Additionally, provide blueprint, indicating and explaining where the pharmacist is located within the Eagan central fill location that oversees the telepharmacy operations		
4453	Hy-Vee Pharmacy		
VAR	To allow the Pharmacist at Hy-Vee, Inc. located in Eagan, MN(Hub) to supervise technicians at Hy-Vee, Inc. located in Preston, MN remotely with Hy-Vee, Inc. located in Austin, MN serving as the backup.	Austin, MN - 261655 Eagan, MN - 266548 Preston, MN - 265800	
New	Denied due to not meeting or addressing elements within the telepharmacy guidance document. Additionally, provide blueprint, indicating and explaining where the pharmacist is located within the Eagan central fill location that oversees the telepharmacy operations		

4116	Alixia Rx LLC & LI Script LLC		
Policy	policy review of unique identifiers of RDAC(revisions sent 6/26 to include LI Script LLC in Woodbury, NY)	Eden Prairie, MN - 263885 Bridgeville, PA - 267161 Woodbury, NY - 267380	
Revisions	Approved addition of NY		
4383	Alixia Rx LLC & LI Script LLC		
Policy	Policy Review of Central Service between Alixia Rx LLC located in Eden Prairie, MN and Alixia Rx LLC located in Bridgeville, PA(revisions sent 6/26 to include LI Script LLC in Woodbury, NY)	Eden Prairie, MN - 263885 Bridgeville, PA - 267161 Woodbury, NY - 267380	
Revisions	Addition of NY not approved due to no supporting policies and procedures that include the NY located pharmacy engaging in central services with the Minnesota located pharmacy.		
4384	Alixia Rx LLC & LI Script LLC		
VAR	to allow for split certification between Alixia Rx LLC located in Eden Prairie, MN and Alixia Rx LLC located in Bridgeville, PA.(revisions sent 6/26 to include LI Script LLC in Woodbury, NY)	Eden Prairie, MN - 263885 Bridgeville, PA - 267161 Woodbury, NY - 267380	
Renewal & Revisions (10/22/2026)	Conditions: that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for board approval prior to implementation. Additionally, the pharmacists and technicians at Alixia Rx in Bridgeville PA must have current Minnesota Board of Pharmacy license or registration and be physically in the licensed pharmacy space when engaged in any dispensing steps for Alixia Rx in Eden Prairie MN		
	Addition of NY not approved due to no supporting policies and procedures that include the NY located pharmacy and submission lacking list of MN licensed pharmacists and MN registered technicians (if applicable) for the NY located pharmacy that would be engaged in Split Certification and Central Services for the MN located pharmacy. Original Variance remains in effect until 10/22/2026.		

4444

Mattson Pharmacy

VAR

to allow the utilization of ScriptPro in the pharmacy

Roseau, MN - 267388

New

Not Approved due to submission not meeting elements of MR 6800.2600 and related regulations. Recommend working with a surveyor

2810

Mayo Clinic

VAR

to allow the pharmacy to store medications and IV solutions in 3 non-contiguous spaces(revisions sent 6/26)

Rochester, MN - 263441

Reapply Due to
PIC Change &
Revisions
(9/5/2025)

Conditions: that the pharmacist-in-charge remains the same and the spaces are secured and monitored for temperature, humidity, and outdates

***Approved
Indefinitely***

Conditions - Same as above

4051

Mayo Clinic Hospital

VAR

to allow pharmacists the capability to review and verify orders for a specific scope of patients at both the Methodist Campus Pharmacy and the St. Mary's Campus Pharmacy locations in the Mayo Clinic Hospital Rochester Hospital.(revisions sent 5/26 to add a limited cancer care patient population)

Rochester, MN - 200540

Revisions
(12/3/2027)

Rochester, MN - 201162

Conditions: that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for Board approval prior to implementation.

***Approved
3 Years***

Conditions - same as above

4032

Milles Lacs Health System Community Pharmacy

VAR

to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including verification, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification for new or refillable prescriptions by more than one pharmacist between Mille Lacs Health System-Onamia and Mille Lacs Health System-Isle

Onamia, MN - 266492

Renewal
(8/14/2026)

Isle, MN - 266604

Conditions: that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for Board approval prior to implementation.

***Approved
3 Years***

Conditions - same as above

4326

RoundtableRx

VAR

To allow for an exemption from maintaining compounding equipment and a refrigerator

Minneapolis, MN - 267097

Reapply Due to
PIC Change
(Variance Expired
9/24/2025)

Conditions: that the PIC remains the same and the practice does not change from what is being presented in this variance submission. (PIC Timothy Casey)

***Approved
Indefinitely***

Conditions - Same as above with new PIC Jill Wohl. Additionally, variance will need to be amended if the pharmacy stocks refrigerated products in the future.

3154

Ridgeview Medical Center

VAR
Renewal
(8/14/2026)

to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Ridgeview Medical Center Pharmacy for Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center, Ridgeview Le Sueur Medical Center, and Ridgeview Medical Center when the hospital pharmacies are closed from normal business hours of operation
Conditions: Standard after hours

Waconia, MN - 261836

Approved
2 Years

Conditions - Standard afterhours letter

4167

VAR
Renewal
(8/14/2026)

to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Ridgeview Medical Center Pharmacy.
Conditions: Standard after hours.

Arlington, MN - 264317
Le Sueur, MN - 266741
Chaska, MN - 266833

Approved
2 Years

Conditions - Standard afterhours letter

4040

Rochester Home Infusion, Inc.

VAR
Reapply Due to PIC
Change
(3/16/2026)

to allow the pharmacy to utilize a non-contiguous space for the storage of parenterals - (Conditions-Tied to PIC Alena Shurduk and space is monitored for appropriate temperature and humidity as well as removal of outdated parenterals)

Rochester, MN - 266610

Conditions: that the pharmacist-in-charge does not change(Alena Shurduk) that the space is monitored for appropriate temperature and humidity as well as removal of outdated parenterals.

Approved
Indefinitely

Conditions - Same as above with new PIC Menplay Nyain

4223

Sanford Medical Center Broadway

VAR
Renewal
(8/14/2026)

to allow for remote after hours order verification for Sanford Health Network Hospitals located in Wheaton, Thief River Falls, Detroit Lakes, Mahnommen Health Center, Kittson Memorial Healthcare, Perham Health District, Lake Region Healthcare, Prairie Ridge Hospital, and Rainy Lake Medical Center.
Conditions: See letter

Fargo, ND - 263497

Approved
2 Years

Conditions - Standard afterhours letter

4224

VAR
Renewal
(8/14/2026)

to allow Sanford Pharmacy Broadway to do after hours remote order verification.
Conditions: Standard after hours. See letter

9 MN Locations
Add 267253(COO)

Approved
2 Years

Conditions - Standard afterhours letter

3731 **Sanford Medical Center South University**
VAR to allow remote pharmacy after hours (afternoons and evenings) order review and entry of physician medication orders by Sanford Pharmacy South University for the Fargo, ND - 263498
Renewal Sanford Health Network North Pharmacies located in in Wheaton, Thief River
(8/14/2026) Falls, Detroit Lakes, Mahnomon Health Center, Kittson Memorial Healthcare,
Perham Health District, Lake Region Healthcare, Prairie Ridge Hospital, and
Rainy Lake Medical Center.
Conditions: See letter.

Approved
2 Years
Conditions - Standard afterhours letter

4225
VAR to allow Sanford Pharmacy South University to do order verification during 9 MN Locations
Renewal afternoon and evening hours. Add 267253
(8/14/2026) Conditions: See letter

Approved
2 Years
Conditions - Standard afterhours letter

3129 **MN Veterans Home Pharmacy**
VAR to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including Minneapolis, MN - 201261
Renewal verification, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification for new or refillable
(8/14/2026) prescriptions, by more than one pharmacist on site.
Conditions: that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes
in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for
Board approval prior to implementation.

Approved
3 Years
Conditions - same as above

3252 **Thrifty White Pharmacy**
VAR to allow the use of an expanded ekit for first dose and emergency drugs that is Maple Grove, MN - 266599
Renewal reviewed by a pharmacist and stored in **Cubex Cabinets** at skilled nursing
(10/9/2026) facilities.
Conditions: that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes
in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for
Board approval prior to implementation.

Approved
3 Years
Conditions - same as above

3386 **Thrifty White Pharmacy**
VAR to allow the use of an expanded ekit for first dose and emergency drugs that is Maple Grove, MN - 266599
Renewal reviewed by a pharmacist and stored in **Omnicell Cabinets** at skilled nursing
(10/9/2026) facilities.
Conditions: that the pharmacy implements an annual review of the policies and
procedures with documentation of such review.

Approved
3 Years
**Conditions - same as above AND that you follow your approved policies and
procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be
highlighted and submitted for Board approval prior to implementation**

4298 VAR Renewal (12/4/2026)	Thrifty White Pharmacy to allow the use of OmniceII for an expanded EKit & 1st dose at skilled nursing facilities (Initial placement Pioneer Care Center in Fergus Falls, MN) Conditions: Within 30 days, you submit revised policy and procedures to identify Thrifty White #734 as the home store and not Thrifty White #762 Condition met Jan 2025. Approved 3 Years Conditions that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for Board approval prior to implementation	Fergus Falls, MN 261136
4035 VAR Revision Permanent	Walgreen Co. to allow the pharmacy to utilize a non-contiguous space as a patient care room(revisions sent 6/26) Conditions: that the pharmacist-in-charge remains the same, there is no drug storage in this space as indicated in the related policy, and that there is direct supervision of pharmacy interns while they are in this space Denied due to needing clarification pertaining to the request. The variance to utilize the "training room" as licensed space expired on 6/9/2025 due to not meeting the condition of the PIC remaining the same. Provide an access policy addressing security of the space, type of locks(s), and how access is controlled by the pharmacist. Provide an explanation of the proposed staffing and how you will meet technician supervision according to 6800.3850	Duluth, MN - 200871
3140 VAR Renewal (11/16/2026)	Walgreen Co. to allow no physical description on the cassette label on condition that you follow your approved P&Ps. Any changes would need to be highlighted and submitted to the Board for approval prior to implementation. Conditions: that the policies and procedures do not change Approved Indefinitely Conditions - Same as above	White Bear Lake, MN - 261310 Duluth, MN - 260152 Virginia, MN - 263008 Duluth, MN - 200871 Park Rapids, MN - 263485 Duluth, MN - 263618
4457 VAR New	Walgreens to allow the pharmacy to utilize a non-contiguous space as a patient care room Denied. Need additional details related to activities (pharmacy and non-pharmacy) in the 'shared room', pharmacist supervision of technicians while pharmacist is in 'shared room', clarity of security and access of space to meet regulations 6800.2150, 6800.0700, and provide an updated blueprint showing all access points to 'shared room'.	Andover, MN - 262522
4458 VAR New	Walgreens to allow the pharmacy to utilize a non-contiguous space as a patient care room Denied due to the submitted blueprint not including the space being requested to be part of licensed space. Blueprint does not have a 'patient care room' indicated on it. Note that the blueprint shows a 'consultation room' that is contiguous and would not need a variance but would need to pass an inspection by the board to be considered part of licensed pharmacy space.	Red Wing, MN - 263390

4459 VAR New	Walgreens to allow the pharmacy to utilize a non-contiguous space as a patient care room <i>Denied due to the submitted blueprint not including the space being requested to be part of licensed space. Blueprint does not have a 'patient care room' indicated on it. Note that the blueprint shows a 'consultation room' that is contiguous and would not need a variance but would need to pass an inspection by the board to be considered part of licensed pharmacy space.</i>	Rochester, MN - 263613
4451 VAR New	Walmart Inc. to allow the pharmacy to counsel patients via drive-thru by way of continuous audio and visual link <i>Approved Indefinitely</i> Conditions - that the PIC does not change and that the pharmacy follows the appropriate 'Non-continuous Drive Through' Policy	Hermantown, MN - 260863
3087 Policy Revisions	White Drug Enterprises, Inc. policy review of central fill(revisions sent 6/26) <i>Not Approved submission does not meet elements of Minnesota Rules 6800.4075, 6800.2600, 6800.3100, and guidance documents. Recommend working with a surveyor.</i>	46 MN Locations
4454 VAR New	Costco Pharmacy #1743 to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including verification, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification for new or refillable prescriptions, by more than one pharmacist on site <i>Denied due to submission not addressing elements of Minnesota Rules 6800.3100, 6800.3110 and accountability details for each step in the dispensing process.</i>	Otsego, MN - 267243
4445 VAR New	Lewis Family Drug #50 to allow for split certification between Lewis Drug #50 located in Sioux Falls, SD and Lewis Drug #33 in Graceville, MN, Lewis Drug #35 in Ortonville, MN, Lewis Drug #36 in Appleton, MN, Lewis Drug #40 in Tracy, MN, Lewis Drug #45 in St. James, MN, Lewis Drug #46 in Pipestone, MN, Lewis Drug #51 in Luverne, MN, Lewis Drug #56 in Windom, MN, Lewis Drug #75 in Jackson, MN, Lewis Drug #76 in Lakefield, MN, and Lewis Drug #79 in Madelia, MN for filling unit dose cards for LTC patient. (Hub and Spoke model) Conditions: that the pharmacy provides the long-term care patients with proper notification since they would not see the signage posted in a pharmacy. <i>Approved</i> Align with previous date: 4/22/2028 Conditions - same as above	50-1031321 33-1031312 35-1031327 36-1031326 40-1031325 45-1031324 46-1031322 51-1031320 56-1031319 75-1031318 76-1031323 79-1031317
4446 Policy New	Policy Review of Central Filling of unit dose cards for LTC patients by Lewis Drug #50 located in Sioux Falls, SD for 11 Lewis Drug Pharmacies located in Minnesota <i>Approved</i>	

4449	Lewis Drug #11	11-1031311
VAR	to allow for split certification between Lewis Drug #11 located in Sioux Falls, SD	33-1031312
New	and Lewis Drug #33 in Graceville, MN, Lewis Drug #35 in Ortonville, MN, Lewis Drug #36 in Appleton, MN, Lewis Drug #40 in Tracy, MN, Lewis Drug #45 in St. James, MN, Lewis Drug #46 in Pipestone, MN, Lewis Drug #51 in Luverne, MN, Lewis Drug #56 in Windom, MN, Lewis Drug #75 in Jackson, MN, Lewis Drug #76 in Lakefield, MN, and Lewis Drug #79 in Madelia, MN for filling medication adherence packaging. (Hub and Spoke model)	35-1031327
	Approved	36-1031326
	Align with previous date: 4/22/2028	40-1031325
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		46-1031322
		51-1031320
		56-1031319
		75-1031318
		76-1031323
		79-1031317
4448		
Policy	Policy Review of Central Filling of unit dose cards for LTC patients by Lewis Drug #50 located in Sioux Falls, SD for 11 Lewis Drug Pharmacies located in Minnesota	
New		
	Approved	

4451	Lewis Family Drug #50 & #11	11-1031311
Policy	Policy Review of Unique Identifiers for PioneerRx PIN identifier	50-1031321
New		
	Approved	

4450	Lewis Family Drug #45 & #51	45 - 1031324
Policy	Policy Review of ScriptPro CRS 150/CRS 225 Automation	51 - 1031320
New		
	Not Approved due to submission not meeting elements of MR 6800.2600 and related regulations. Recommend working with a surveyor	

1825	Walmart Inc.	
VAR	to allow the operation of a drive-thru that is not connected to the licensed area of the pharmacy(PIC Change to Josephine Ottopah)	Shakopee, MN 262258
Reapply due to PIC Change	Conditions: that you follow your approved policies and procedures, counsel on all prescriptions, and that the pharmacist-in-charge remains the same	
Permanent		
	Approved	
	Indefinitely	
	Conditions - same as above	

Deferred to the Board		
2717	Fairview Pharmacy Services, LLC	
VAR	to allow an exemption from the Board's rule regarding central service label requirements	21 MN Locations
Renewal (8/24/2026)		
	Approved	
	8/9/2027	

4149	Essentia Health Park Rapids Pharmacy & Essentia Health Cloquet	
VAR	to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including verification, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification for new or refillable prescriptions, by more than one pharmacist on site, at any approved licensed Essentia Health pharmacy in Minnesota, or at The Duluth Clinic, Ltd. (dba) Essentia Health Prescription Service Center in Superior, WI. QA is performed at any approved licensed Essentia Health pharmacy in Minnesota and the PSC in Superior, WI (6/26, Request to add 267386 & 267404)	Add 267404 & 267386
Revision (4/23/2029)		

Conditions: that the Wisconsin located pharmacists, interns, and technicians maintain Minnesota licenses and registrations if performing any centralized services for the MN located pharmacies.

Approved

Align with other sites: 4/23/2029

Conditions - same as above

4153

Policy
Revision

Policy review of centralized filling by Essentia Health Prescription Service Center for other approved Essentia Health Pharmacies(6/26, Request to add 267386 & 267404)

Add 267404 & 267386

Approved

4156

Policy
Revision

policy review of central services/central processing(6/26, Request to add 267386 & 267404)

Add 267404 & 267386

Approved

3609

VAR
Renewal
(6/18/2026)

Methodist Hospital Pharmacy

to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Methodist Hospital for Hutchinson Health and Olivia Hospital & Clinic when the hospital pharmacies are closed from normal business hours of operation.
Conditions: Standard after hours.

St Louis Park, MN - 200304

Approved

2 Years

Conditions - Standard afterhours letter

3610

VAR
Renewal
(6/18/2026)

to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Methodist Hospital.
Conditions: Standard after hours.

Hutchinson, MN - 265832
Olivia, MN - 266016

Approved

2 Years

Conditions - Standard afterhours letter

1067

VAR
PIC Change
Permanent

Omnicare of Minnesota

to allow the pharmacy to automatically exchange emergency kits on a twice-weekly basis(PIC Change to James Cross)
Conditions: on condition that the pharmacist-in-charge remains the same(Vivian Duke) and any policy changes are to be highlighted within the policies and submitted for Board approval prior to implementation

Brooklyn Center, MN

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Approved

Indefinitely

Conditions - Same conditions and tied to James Cross

1265

VAR
PIC Change
Permanent

Omnicare of Minnesota

to allow the pharmacy to provide a non-automated emergency supply kit of medications (no controlled substances) to the Lake Owasso a supervised living facility/intermediate care facility(PIC Change to James Cross)
Conditions: on condition that the pharmacist-in-charge remains the same(Vivian Duke) and any policy changes are to be highlighted within the policies and submitted for Board approval prior to implementation

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Denied due to incorrect policy and procedures submitted. Specifically, the supporting document provided with this variance request only addresses skilled nursing facilities. Supporting policy for this variance historically has been # 041.4