



Variance & Policy Review Committee Report of August 6, 2025

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

Attendees: Ame Carlson (Chair), Amy Paradis, Barbara Droher Kline, Kelly Hadsall, Andrea Bistodeau, Mariah Sergot, Marcus Arneson, Megan Reed, Mike Waladt, Sheri Ober, Max Stork

Board members must recuse themselves from discussion of and voting on an official matter if the board member has a conflict of interest. A conflict of interest is an association including a financial or personal association that has the potential to bias or have the appearance of biasing a board member's decisions in matters related.

For Board Meeting of August 20, 2025

Meeting Appointments

4367 Allina Health Minneapolis Pharmacy

VAR to allow the separation of the prescription certification process by more than one 15 MN locations
NEW pharmacist on site within your own pharmacy and the following Allina Health retail locations - Apple Valley, Cambridge, Cottage Grove, Faribault, Heart Hospital, Mercy, New Ulm, Piper Building, St. Francis, United, Unity, Westhealth, Woodbury and Coon Rapids (Hub and Spoke model with Allina Health Minneapolis Pharmacy as the Hub)

Conditions:

Denied

Due to submission lacking clarity regarding how counseling is conducted for prescriptions that are shipped to the patient or delivered to the patient or delivered to the retail pharmacy from the central fill site (AH MPLS Pharmacy) and scope of did not exclude LTC or Home Health prescription orders

4369 Allina Health Minneapolis Pharmacy

Policy Review policy review of Parata Max2 Plus Automation Minneapolis, MN
NEW **Not Approved** due to policy and procedures not being inclusive of the steps 267171
and requirements found in the rule and the scope of employees with access was too broad. A Surveyor will work with PIC.

4370 Allina Health Retail Pharmacies

Policy Review policy review of central filling by Allina Health Minneapolis Pharmacy for 14 Allina 15 MN Locations
NEW Health outpatient pharmacies
Not Approved Due to split certification variance not being approved

4372 VAR NEW	Maple Grove Hospital and North Memorial Health Pharmacy to allow centralized TPN compounding between Maple Grove Hospital Pharmacy and North Memorial Health Pharmacy. Orders to be reviewed and verified at patient location. Maple Grove Hospital will be responsible for compounding and final dispense checking. Conditions :	Maple Grove, MN / Robbinsdale, MN 263451, 200751
	Approved 2 Years <i>Conditions - general 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</i>	
4373 Policy Review NEW	Policy Review of Central services for TPN compounding Approved	Maple Grove, MN / Robbinsdale, MN 263451, 200751

Policy Reviews & Variances

3935 Policy Review Revision	Allina Health Pharmacy policy review of a ScriptPro SP 200/SP 100/SP 50 robotic prescription dispensing system. Add two Coon Rapids location.	Coon Rapids, MN Coon Rapids, MN 267136 260412
	Approved	

4371 VAR NEW	Allina Health Compounding Pharmacy to allow the separation of the prescription certification process by more than one pharmacist on site within your own pharmacy. Conditions:	Minneapolis, MN 267170
	Approved 2 Years <i>Conditions - general 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</i>	

4350 VAR DENIED 6/25	Capsule Pharmacy to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including verification, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification between Capsule Idaho LLC and Capsule Minneapolis LLC Conditions:	Minneapolis, MN Boise, ID (Lic #TBD) 265955/TBD
	Approved 2 Years <i>Conditions - Notify the board of pharmacy when services to MN begin, provide an updated list of MN licensed pharmacists and MN registered technicians at that time. Asking for 2 years. With renewal, provide an updated list of staff at ID site involved in this variance.</i>	
4351 Policy Review Denied 6/25	Policy review of central services between Capsule Minneapolis & Capsule Idaho Approved	Minneapolis, MN Boise, ID (Lic #TBD) 265955/TBD

3901	Children's Health Care		
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 or at the other Children's Hospital location for TPN preparations.	St Paul, MN/ Minneapolis, MN	
(6/14/2025)			
History of late renewal submissions. This will be expired for 2 months by the time BOP meets	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	261994/ 200991	
	Approved 2 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. Note that when the variances expire, the involved pharmacies cannot engage in this service. Please ensure that your renewals are submitted in a more timely manner.		

4274	Guardian Pharmacy Of Minnesota		
VAR	to provide an ekit to hospice locations that are not a long term care location, but have an approved waiver from MN Department of Health	Sauk Rapids, MN	
NEW	Conditions:	263805	
	Denied		
	Due to the variance request not being Hospice site specific, lacking the list of eKit medications that the pharmacy would be providing to meet the rule, and lacking procedures to address multi-dose containers to be patient specific once removed		
3000	Guardian Pharmacy Of Minnesota		
VAR	to allow a greater number of permitted emergency medications in the e-kit with the use of Cubex automation	Sauk Rapids, MN	
(9/13/2025)		263805	
	Conditions: that you follow your approved policies and procedures and that any policy and/or e-kit content changes are highlighted within the policies and submitted for Board approval prior to implementation		
	Approved		
	9 months May 20, 2026 due to undisclosed changes in ekit contents		
	Conditions - That you follow your previously approved Policy and Procedures and Drug list from 2023.		

4364	Lake Region Healthcare		
VAR	To allow Tech-Check-Tech to be used within Lake Region Healthcare	Fergus Falls, MN	
NEW	Conditions:	200301	
	Denied		
	Due to the variance request not meeting or exceeding what is allowed in rule. The pharmacy will need to meet the Board's Guidance Document entitled 'Use of Medication Bar Code Scanning During Stocking of Automated Drug Distribution Systems in Hospitals'		

#TBD	Post Acute Pharmacy Consulting LLC		
Pending License	to allow exemption from the Board's rules regarding space being at least 250 sq ft	White Bear Lake, MN	
	Conditions:		
	Approved <i>Indefinitely</i>		
	<i>Conditions - that the Pharmacist-in-Charge and practice does not change. Additionally, the space will need to pass an inspection conducted by a Board Surveyor</i>		
# TBD	Post Acute Pharmacy Consulting LLC		
Pending License	to allow exemption from the Board's rules regarding certain equipment (MR 6800.1050)	White Bear Lake, MN	
	Conditions:		
	Approved <i>Indefinitely</i>		
	<i>Conditions - that the Pharmacist-in-Charge and practice does not change. Additionally, the space will need to pass an inspection conducted by a Board Surveyor</i>		
3812 VAR (10/9/2025)	Infusion Center Pharmacy		
	to allow the pharmacy to operate in 2 non-contiguous spaces, under 1 license.	Duluth, MN	
DUE TO PIC CHANGE	Conditions: that there is a pharmacist on duty in each space when technicians are present, access to the space is controlled by a pharmacist, and that the PIC and scope of services remain the same. Furthermore, the pharmacy is expected to comply with regulations pertaining to drug storage and technician supervision in both spaces.	261241	
	Approved <i>Indefinitely</i>		
	<i>Conditions - same as above</i>		
4365 VAR NEW	Trinity Pharmacy		
	to allow the pharmacy to automatically exchange emergency kits on a twice-weekly basis	Arden Hills, MN	
	Conditions:	267126	
	Denied		
	<i>Due to lack of process for access to controls by facility after hours and lack of process when facility breaches kit to do daily counts on controlled substances</i>		
1825 PIC Change	Walmart Pharmacy		
	to allow the operation of a drive-thru that is not connected to the licensed area of the pharmacy	Shakopee, MN	
	Conditions: that you follow your approved policies and procedures, counsel on all prescriptions, and that the pharmacist-in-charge remains the same	262258	
	Approved <i>Indefinitely</i>		
	<i>Conditions - same as above</i>		

Deferred to the Board

4135	Essentia Health Virginia	
VAR (8/9/2025)	to allow a certified pharmacy technician to certify the waste of controlled substances with a licensed pharmacist Conditions:	Virginia, MN 264001
Approved 3 Years		

4314	Regions Hospital & Regions Hospital Woodbury Specialty	
VAR Resubmit Denied 2/25	to allow for split certification of new orders (EPIC) including profile review and DUR between Regions Hospital and HealthPartners Specialty Center Woodbury Pharmacy Conditions:	St Paul, MN / Woodbury, MN 200443, 267124
Denied <i>Due to the scope of products that would be remotely verified was unclear and for other reasons discussed at the VPRC meeting, such as pharmacist's training in the types of orders that would be involved with this variance.</i>		
4324		
VAR Resubmit Denied 2/25	to allow remote stage checking via pictures (DoseEdge) of sterile compounded products between Regions Hospital and HealthPartners Specialty Center Woodbury Pharmacy Conditions:	
Denied <i>Due to the variance request does not meet or exceed the rule to allow pharmacists that are offsite to provide remote stage checking via pictures.</i>		
4325		
Policy Review Resubmit Denied 2/25	policy review of central services Not Approved due to the variance being denied.	