Variance Committee Report of February 5, 2020
For Board Meeting of February 19, 2020
9:00 a.m. in Conference Room C

Attendees: Stu Williams, Joe Stanek, Ame Carlson, Steve Huff, Aaron Patterson, Matt Winans, Lynn Young, Sarah Brown, Chad Nellis, Jeri Nowak, David Busch, Alison Sinclair, Cole Davidson, Tracy Berg, David Liebow, Andrea Swanson, Wendy Burgess

Meeting Appointments:

10:00
Coborns Central Support Pharmacy #9942  Sauk Rapids
Monica Kowalke  265841-004
policy review of central services between any approved MN located Coborn's or Cashwise retail pharmacy - revisions sent 1/24/20 to include contracted courier for transfer of filled prescriptions
Approved

10:30
Fairview Pharmacies  7 Locations
Sarah Brown
policy review of a Pyxis ES automated drug distribution system
Not Approved
Your policies and procedures do not meet all elements of MN Rule 6800.2600

Fairview Specialty Services Pharmacy  Minneapolis
Melissa Nelson  262542-007
policy review of central fill - (revisions sent on 1/24/20)
Not Approved
The original policies will remain in effect

Fairview Pharmacies  33 Locations
Sarah Brown
policy review of central filling by Fairview Specialty Services Pharmacy - (revisions sent on 1/24/20)
Not Approved
The original policies will remain in effect
HealthEast Bethesda Hospital Pharmacy  
Bryan Haugen  
260468-016

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 HealthEast St. Joseph’s Hospital Pharmacy for certain non-sterile compounded hazardous drug products, non-sterile hazardous preparations, and certain sterile preparations that will be stored at HealthEast Bethesda Hospital Pharmacy in anticipation of a patient-specific order for the prepared product

Approved - One Year

On condition that the anticipatory non-hazardous sterile compounding is only done by HealthEast St. Joseph’s when HealthEast Bethesda’s cleanroom does not meet current USP <797> standards or is under construction

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HealthEast St. Joseph’s Hospital Pharmacy  
Leah Frantzen  
200545-020

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 HealthEast Bethesda Hospital Pharmacy for certain non-sterile compounded hazardous drug products, non-sterile hazardous preparations, and certain sterile preparations that will be stored at HealthEast Bethesda Hospital Pharmacy in anticipation of a patient-specific order for the prepared product

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HealthEast Bethesda Hospital Pharmacy  
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260468-017

policy review of central services between your pharmacy and HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital Pharmacy for certain non-sterile compounded hazardous drug products, non-sterile hazardous preparations, and certain sterile preparations that will be stored at HealthEast Bethesda Hospital Pharmacy in anticipation of a patient-specific order for the prepared product

Approved

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HealthEast St. Joseph’s Hospital Pharmacy  
Leah Frantzen  
200545-021

policy review of central services between your pharmacy and HealthEast Bethesda Hospital Pharmacy for certain non-sterile compounded hazardous drug products, non-sterile hazardous preparations, and certain sterile preparations that will be stored at HealthEast Bethesda Hospital Pharmacy in anticipation of a patient-specific order for the prepared product

Approved
HealthEast Bethesda Hospital Pharmacy  
Bryan Haugen  
260468-020  
policy review of unique identifiers for Epic  
Approved

HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital Pharmacy  
Leah Frantzen  
200545-024  
policy review of unique identifiers for Epic  
Approved

HealthEast Bethesda Hospital Pharmacy  
Bryan Haugen  
260468-018  
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 another HealthEast Inpatient hospital pharmacy for patient specific sterile hazardous compounded products  
Approved - One Year  
On condition that the continuity of care for oncology patients at HE Bethesda or HE St. Joseph’s is maintained by oncology pharmacists at HE Woodwinds and/or HE St. John's

HealthEast St. John’s Hospital Pharmacy  
Jared Anderson  
260226-018  
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 another HealthEast Inpatient hospital pharmacy for patient specific sterile hazardous compounded products  
Approved - One Year  
On condition that the continuity of care for oncology patients at HE Bethesda or HE St. Joseph’s is maintained by oncology pharmacists at HE Woodwinds and/or HE St. John's

HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital Pharmacy  
Leah Frantzen  
200545-022  
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 another HealthEast Inpatient hospital pharmacy for patient specific sterile hazardous compounded products  
Approved - One Year  
On condition that the continuity of care for oncology patients at HE Bethesda or HE St. Joseph’s is maintained by oncology pharmacists at HE Woodwinds and/or HE St. John's
HealthEast Woodwinds Hospital Pharmacy  Woodbury
Gina Somers  261894-017

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 onsite or at another HealthEast Inpatient hospital pharmacy for patient specific sterile hazardous compounded products
Approved - One Year
On condition that the continuity of care for oncology patients at HE Bethesda or HE St. Joseph’s is maintained by oncology pharmacists at HE Woodwinds and/or HE St. John's

HealthEast Bethesda Hospital Pharmacy  St. Paul
Bryan Haugen  260468-019
policy review of central services between your pharmacy and another HealthEast Inpatient hospital pharmacy for patient specific sterile hazardous compounded products
Approved

HealthEast St. John’s Hospital Pharmacy  Maplewood
Jared Anderson  260226-019
policy review of central services between your pharmacy and another HealthEast Inpatient hospital pharmacy for patient specific sterile hazardous compounded products
Approved

HealthEast St. Joseph’s Hospital Pharmacy  St. Paul
Leah Frantzen  200545-023
policy review of central services between your pharmacy and another HealthEast Inpatient hospital pharmacy for patient specific sterile hazardous compounded products
Approved

HealthEast Woodwinds Hospital Pharmacy  Woodbury
Gina Somers  261894-018
policy review of central services between your pharmacy and another HealthEast Inpatient hospital pharmacy for patient specific sterile hazardous compounded products
Approved

HealthEast St. John’s Hospital Pharmacy  Maplewood
Jared Anderson  260226-020
policy review of unique identifiers for Epic
Approved
HealthEast Woodwinds Hospital Pharmacy  
Gina Somers  
261894-019  
policy review of unique identifiers for Epic  
Approved

HealthEast St. Joseph’s Hospital Pharmacy  
Leah Frantzen  
200545-012  
to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by HealthEast St. Joseph’s Hospital Pharmacy for HealthEast Bethesda Hospital Pharmacy when the hospital pharmacy is closed after normal business hours of operation  
**Approved - One Year**  
**Conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020**

HealthEast Bethesda Hospital Pharmacy  
Bryan Haugen  
260468-009  
to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by HealthEast St. Joseph’s Hospital Pharmacy for HealthEast Bethesda Hospital Pharmacy when the hospital pharmacy is closed after normal business hours of operation  
**Approved - One Year**  
**Conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020**

11:30  
Park Nicollet Pharmacy #87017  
James Bychinski  
Pending  
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 an approved licensed Park Nicollet pharmacy, or HealthPartners Refill Center Pharmacy  
**Approved - Until 01/09/2021**  
**On condition** that you follow all applicable state and federal regulations and your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be submitted for Board approval prior to implementation

Park Nicollet Pharmacy #87017  
James Bychinski  
Pending  
policy review of central fill and central processing  
**Approved**
Park Nicollet Pharmacy #87017
James Bychinski
Pending
policy review of unique identifiers for RDAC
Approved

HealthPartners HSC Infusion Pharmacy
Shari Ditlefsen
St. Paul
265837-002
Pending
to allow an exemption from the Board's rule regarding space
Approved - One Year
With your next renewal, submit documentation of evaluation of space for adequate work flow including any challenges and successes

1:00
Omnicare - Minnesota
Alison Sinclair
Brooklyn Center
261366-021
policy review of an Omnicell automated distribution system for nursing homes as an e-kit and first dose - (revisions sent on 1/24/20)
Approved

Omnicare - Minnesota
Alison Sinclair
Brooklyn Center
261366-022
to allow an extended emergency kit and first dose utilizing Omnicell automated distribution system in the long term care facility - (revisions sent on 1/24/20)
Approved - One Year
On condition that within 60 days, you send revised policies and procedures to address the out date removal and reconciliation process and clarify documentation of monthly ekit inventory

1:30
HyVee Health Market Rx (7046)
Peter Alsleben
Kasson
265803-006
to allow an exemption from the Board's rule regarding direct supervision of supportive personnel at the telepharmacy in Pine Island
Denied
Submission does not meet the telepharmacy guidance document

Hy-Vee Health Market Rx (7064)
Patrick McDonough
Pine Island
265808-006
to allow exemptions from the Board's rules regarding having a pharmacist on duty at all times that the telepharmacy is open
Denied
Submission does not meet the telepharmacy guidance document
2:00
See Mayo Clinic Pharmacies in the “Deferred to the Board” section.

New Variances:

New Ulm Medical Center Pharmacy
Reid Horning
260416-011

Approved - One Year
On condition that only expired, non-reusable, non-controlled, and non-hazardous medications are stored in this room, have a defined process with policies for access to this room, and that the pharmacist-in-charge remains the same
With your next renewal, cite the correct Rule which is, 6800.0700

Renewal Variances:

A & E Pharmacy
Elizabeth Scott
265547-001

Denied
Your submission was incomplete. Resubmit policies and procedures that include all exhibits named in the policies

On condition that you work with a Board Surveyor to revise your policies and procedures to meet elements of the telepharmacy guidance document. Additional conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020
Longbella Drug - Motley
Robin Myers 261537-001

to allow exemptions from the Board's rules regarding having a pharmacist on duty at all times that the telepharmacy is open, no compounding equipment, and space

**Approved - Six Months**

**On condition** that you work with a Board Surveyor to revise your policies and procedures to meet elements of the telepharmacy guidance document. Additional conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020

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Melrose Pharmacy, Inc.
Alexis Meyer 265941-001

to allow an exemption from the Board's rule regarding direct supervision of supportive personnel in the telepharmacy at Leedstone in Melrose

**Approved - Six Months**

**On condition** that you work with a Board Surveyor to revise your policies and procedures to meet elements of the telepharmacy guidance document. Additional conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020

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Leedstone
Jeffrey Sawyer 261819-003

to allow exemptions from the Board's rules regarding having a pharmacist on duty at all times that the telepharmacy is open, no compounding equipment, and space

**Approved - Six Months**

**Conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020**

**With your next renewal,** you submit revised policies and procedures to meet the telepharmacy guidance document including accountability of all staff involved with dispensing, technician training, quality assurance (MN Rule 6800.3950, Subp. 4), consultation process, and telepharmacy technician qualifications. The Board recommends that you work with a Board Surveyor and provide a cross reference to the telepharmacy guidance document

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With your next renewal, you submit revised policies and procedures to meet the telepharmacy guidance document including accountability of all staff involved with dispensing, technician training, quality assurance (MN Rule 6800.3950, Subp. 4), consultation process, and telepharmacy technician qualifications. The Board recommends that you work with a Board Surveyor and provide a cross reference to the telepharmacy guidance document
to allow an exemption from the Board's rule regarding direct supervision of supportive personnel

**Approved - Six Months**

**Conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020**

With your next renewal, you submit revised policies and procedures to meet the telepharmacy guidance document including accountability of all staff involved with dispensing, technician training, quality assurance (MN Rule 6800.3950, Subp. 4), consultation process, and telepharmacy technician qualifications. The Board recommends that you work with a Board Surveyor and provide a cross reference to the telepharmacy guidance document.

MN Veterans Home Pharmacy
Andrew Weir 201261-003

Approved - One Year
On condition that within 60 days, you provide a timeline for the implementation of your unique identifiers.

**Deferred to the Board:**

Mayo Clinic Hosp - Rochester, Methodist Campus Phcy
Jason Christensen 200540-019

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.

**Deferred to the Board**
The Committee recommends a deferral with the licensee's approval.

Mayo Clinic Hosp - Rochester, St. Mary's Campus Phcy
Ryan Anderson 201162-017

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.

**Deferred to the Board**
The Committee recommends a deferral with the licensee's approval.
Mayo Clinic Pharmacies
David Liebow
9 Locations

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, from
any approved licensed on-site or off-site outpatient Mayo Clinic Pharmacy in Minnesota

Deferred to the Board

The Committee recommends a three year approval on condition that you follow all applicable state and
federal regulations and your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and
procedures would need to be submitted for Board approval prior to implementation. Additional
conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020

MCHS Pharmacy - Albert Lea
Albert Lea
Daniel Mayer
261534-004
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, either
on-site at MCHS - Albert Lea or off-site at MCHS - Austin

Deferred to the Board

The Committee recommends a two year approval on condition that you follow your approved policies
and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be submitted for Board
approval prior to implementation

MCHS - Austin Clinic Pharmacy
Austin
Rick Knoll
264085-002
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, either
on-site at MCHS - Austin or off-site at MCHS - Albert Lea

Deferred to the Board

The Committee recommends a two year approval on condition that you follow your approved policies
and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be submitted for Board
approval prior to implementation

MCHS - Lake City Hospital Phcy
Lake City
Kelly Kennedy
261637-005
to allow two certified pharmacy technicians to waste controlled substances, instead of two licensed
individuals

Deferred to the Board

The Committee recommends a denial. The manner in which you propose as an alternative measure is
not equivalent or superior to the Rule
MCHS - Mankato Hospital Phcy  
Mankato  
Perry Sweeten  
200743-001  
to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Mayo Clinic Health System - Mankato Hospital for Mayo Clinic Health System pharmacies in Waseca, St. James, Fairmont, and New Prague when the hospital pharmacies are closed from normal business hours of operation  
Deferred to the Board  
The Committee recommends a one year approval on condition that within 60 days, you send revised policies and procedures to indicate MCHS - Mankato Hospital Pharmacy as the designated hub site providing after hours coverage for the 4 sites as requested in the variance submission form. Additional conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020. With your next renewal, cite MN Rule 6800.7950

MCHS - Fairmont Hospital Pharmacy  
Fairmont  
Cassica Jobe  
200992-001  
to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Mayo Clinic Health System - Mankato Hospital for MCHS - Fairmont when the hospital pharmacy is closed from normal business hours of operation  
Deferred to the Board  
The Committee recommends a one year approval on condition that within 60 days, you send revised policies and procedures to indicate MCHS - Mankato Hospital Pharmacy as the designated hub site providing after hours coverage for the 4 sites as requested in the variance submission form. Additional conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020. With your next renewal, cite MN Rule 6800.7950

MCHS - New Prague Hospital Pharmacy  
New Prague  
Ellen Kelly  
265481-001  
to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Mayo Clinic Health System - Mankato Hospital for MCHS - New Prague when the hospital pharmacy is closed from normal business hours of operation  
Deferred to the Board  
The Committee recommends a one year approval on condition that within 60 days, you send revised policies and procedures to indicate MCHS - Mankato Hospital Pharmacy as the designated hub site providing after hours coverage for the 4 sites as requested in the variance submission form. Additional conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020. With your next renewal, cite MN Rule 6800.7950

MCHS - St. James Hospital Phcy  
St. James  
Vanda Jandl  
200891-001  
to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Mayo Clinic Health System - Mankato Hospital for MCHS - St. James when the hospital pharmacy is closed from normal business hours of operation  
Deferred to the Board  
The Committee recommends a one year approval on condition that within 60 days, you send revised policies and procedures to indicate MCHS - Mankato Hospital Pharmacy as the designated hub site providing after hours coverage for the 4 sites as requested in the variance submission form. Additional conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020. With your next renewal, cite MN Rule 6800.7950
MCHS - Waseca Hospital Pharmacy  
Kelsie Davis  
Waseca  
265482-001  
to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Mayo Clinic Health System - Mankato Hospital for MCHS - Waseca when the hospital pharmacy is closed from normal business hours of operation  
Deferred to the Board  
The Committee recommends a one year approval with the conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020. With your next renewal, cite MN Rule 6800.7950

Mercy Hospital Unity Campus Inpatient Pharmacy  
Daniel Niznick  
Fridley  
260414-003  
to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Mercy Hospital Unity Campus Inpatient Pharmacy for River's Edge Hospital & Clinic, Cuyuna Regional Medical Center, Riverwood Healthcare Center, and Glencoe Regional Health Services when the hospital pharmacies are closed after normal business hours of operation  
Deferred to the Board  
The Committee recommends a one year approval with the conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020. With your next renewal, cite MN Rule 6800.7520

Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Pharmacy  
Michael Austin  
Crosby  
265134-001  
to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Mercy Hospital Unity Campus Inpatient Pharmacy for Cuyuna Regional Medical Center when the hospital pharmacy is closed after normal business hours of operation  
Deferred to the Board  
The Committee recommends a one year approval with the conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020

Glencoe Regional Health Services Pharmacy  
Amy Dittmer  
Glencoe  
201001-004  
to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Mercy Hospital Unity Campus Inpatient Pharmacy for Glencoe Regional Health Services when the hospital pharmacy is closed after normal business hours of operation  
Deferred to the Board  
The Committee recommends a one year approval with the conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020
River's Edge Hospital And Clinic Pharmacy  St. Peter
Shirley Miller  200740-001

to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Mercy Hospital Unity Campus Inpatient Pharmacy for River's Edge Hospital and Clinic when the hospital pharmacy is closed from normal business hours of operation

Deferred to the Board
The Committee recommends a one year approval with the conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020

Riverwood Healthcare Center Pharmacy  Aitkin
Spencer Page  200446-005

to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Mercy Hospital Unity Campus Inpatient Pharmacy for Riverwood Healthcare Center when the hospital pharmacy is closed after normal business hours of operation

Deferred to the Board
The Committee recommends a one year approval with the conditions listed in the letter of 02/19/2020