

Minnesota Board of Pharmacy

SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING

At approximately 8:00 a.m., June 10, 2003, the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy met at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of administering a Written Practical/Clinical Examination in prescription compounding and errors and omissions to the candidates for licensure by examination. All members of the Board, with the exception of Mr. Charles Cooper, were in attendance. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board's Pharmacy Surveyors Mr. Stuart Vandenberg, Mr. Les Kotek, Mr. Byron Opstad, Ms. Candice Fleming, and Ms. Michele Mattila.

The following candidates, who have met all of the required prerequisites and who have presented properly executed applications, were present to write the examinations administered as part of the Full Board Examination process:

**FRANK AGYEMAN-MENSAH
COLLEEN M. ALLISON
TANYA Y. BARNHART
WASANA BATES
JENNIFER J. BECKER
KELLY M. BELAIR
CHRISTINE E. BINKLEY
KRISTIAN D. BLOOMQUIST
JEANNE E. BOSER
RACHEL D. BRANDT
MARK N. BRANUM
KENT P. BREEMS
JOSEPH W. BRENNAN
VINCENT G. BRICKLEY, JR.
NATHAN J. BRINKMAN
RYAN D. BROCKBERG
MOLLIE R. BURSTAD
THOMAS A. BUSCHETTE
KATHRYN L. BUYSSE
JASON L. CARROLLO
KRISTINE M. CERVIN
DAWN M. CHAFFEE
CRAIG L. CHASTEK
KELLEY Y. CHIAVENTONE
DAVID L. CHRISTENSON
WITRA K. CHULINDRA
SARAH E. CHURCHILL
PAUL J. CIHUNKA
RONNIE ANDY P. CO
KELLY L. CRAFT
MICHAEL D. CRANSTON
RAYLESHA S. CREIGHTON-LEWIS
STEPHANIE A. DAUER**

**KRISTIE M. DEZELL
KIMAN DINH
SHARI L. DITLEFSEN
TU M. DOAN
BENJAMIN J. DREESMAN
JASON D. DVORAK
JESSICA K. EDLUND
DEVRA O. EMMEL
JANNA J. ENGEL
JEREMY J. ENGER
AMBER L. EVANS
CHERYL L. FELDSIEN-ROMEREIM
WILLIAM M. FISCHER
RACHEL L. FISK
VALERIE L. FITZHARRIS
ERICA J. FOSTER
OLIVER C. FRENZEL
KATIE R. GADIENT
KEITH C. GALLUS
JASON A. GAMBACH
KAREN R. GAMS
JENNY L. GIBSON
ALISON L. GLEYSTEN
AMY L. GLOWNA
KATHLEEN G. GREEN
SARAH E. GROEN
TIMOTHY J. HABERMANN
ANNA M. HACKMAN
NICOLE L. HAHN
MICHAEL D. HAIGHT
LEAH A. HAMILTON
CAROLYN C. HANSEN
BENJAMIN G. HAWK**

DEBRA A. HEBERT
WADE A. HEIDEMANN
JESSICA N. HEINZEN
PAMELA D. HOFFMAN
JENNIFER L. HUBERS
JEAN Y. HUH
MARK P. JAKUBOWSKI
ANNE E. JEFFRIES
AMANDA M. JOHNSON
JEREMIAH L. JOHNSON
JEREMY L. JOHNSON
JILL V. JOKUMSEN
CAROLE L. KAPOOR
ANDREW D. KOCK
KIMBERLEE A. KOHOUT
NATALIE B. KRAVCHENKO
RAJASREE KURUVILLA
JULIE K. LAGUS
AMIEE C. LAU
TERESA R. LE
MICHAEL J. LEDOUX
SU YOUNG LEE
JILL N. LEUSINK
KHAO-YEU LY
LESLIE A. MACKICHAN
KIM T. MAI
MELONIE K. MAITLAND
DAVID M. MALENOWSKI
MICHAEL S. MALLOY
BRANDI N. MARQUART
TERESA L. MATHWIG
HEATHER M. MEEHAN
CARRIE A. MEIER
ALLYSON L. MESSERSMITH
BENJAMIN MEYERS
HALEY B. MICKELSON
CORINNE S. MILLER
NICOLETTE M. MILLER
LORI A. MOBERG
JODI L. MOELLER
LAKESHA L. MOORE
MOLLY A. MULLIN
TODD D. NAIDL
NGOC C. NGUYEN
AMY J. NIESS
JAMES R. NOVAK
SARA E. NOVAK

BEATRICE K. NYAKONU
CRYSTAL D. OBERING
CHRISTINE A. OGADO
RYAN E. OKERLUND
CARA K. OLSEN
SARAH M. OLSEN
MARTHA R. OSLAND
PATRICK A. OTTJES
RANDE L. PAQUIN-STANTON
AMY M. PARADIS
BREE K. PEDERSEN
ROGER J. PEKULA
BRANDY D. PILLAR
THOMAS R. PINEAULT
NICOLE L. RIES
JAMES A. ROE
JOSHUA A. ROSEFELT
HOLLY A. SAMUELS
SHANNON E. SAUER
CRAIG A. SCANLAN
ALLISON H. SCHATZKE
KURT J. SCHIFFLER
CASSICA D. SCHLICHTMANN
TROY W. SCHULER
MICHAEL A. SCHWARZ
LISA M. SCHWEIZER
PAUL J. SCHWINGHAMMER, JR.
JENNIFER A. SEIL
MATTHEW D. SEIL
OLUKAYODE SENNOWO
KATHERINE L. SEVERSON
MICHAEL P. SHETKA
TAMERA L. SHUMAKER
KATHERINE A. SIGWORTH
KATRINA B. STEIG
LORILEE STRUCKMAN
SHELLY A. SWANSON
SHIHAB A. SYED
LETTY M. TAM
TERRANCE J. THURMER, JR.
JANET K. TIMMERMAN
DAVID M. TIMONEN
ALI H. TOUMADJ
YUEN TSAI
KELLEY R. UGLEM
HEIDI J. VREUGDENHIL
EMILY R. WALSH

**SARA K. WEBER
HEIDI M. WELBORN
KAREN A. WELKE
ANDERS D. WESTANMO
KARYN A. WICK
KARIA J. WIGGINS**

**LACEY M. WILLIAMSON
JOSHUA O. WILSON
KYMBERLI L. WINKLER
HEIDI M. YERGES
SUZANNE M. ZIMMERMANN**

The following candidates for reinstatement of expired licenses were also present to write the examination:

**JOHN BENASSI
TIMOTHY SNYDER**

PAUL T. WROBEL

The following retake candidates were also present to write the examination:

**JENNY B. NGUYEN
ZEINAB A. AMMAR**

HIMA B. PALLEMPATI

At approximately 8:30 a.m., June 11, 2003, the Board 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. Present were Board members Ms. Betty Johnson, Board President, Ms. Carol Peterson, Mr. Tom Dickson, and Mr. Vern Kassekert. Mr. Charles Cooper, Mr. Gary Schneider, and Ms. Jean Lemberg were absent. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board's Pharmacy Surveyors Mr. Stuart Vandenberg, Mr. Les Kotek, Mr. Byron Opstad, Ms. Candice Fleming, and Ms. Michele Mattila.

After reviewing and approving the agenda for this meeting, the Board addressed the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2003, and the Special meeting of May 14, 2003. Ms. Carol Peterson then moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2003, be approved as written. The motion passed.

Mr. Vern Kassekert then moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the Minutes of the Special meeting of May 14, 2003, be approved as written. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies, which it has received since its last meeting. The first application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Meritcare North Pharmacy, in Bemidji, Minnesota, by Ms. Susan Schnase, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Vern Kassekert 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, in particular, inspection into the adequacy of the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The second application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Smartfill Pharmacy, in Austin, Minnesota, by Mr. Tim Gallagher, Pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Randy Cole now, personally, appeared before the Board to discuss the unique nature of the proposed Smartfill Pharmacy and to answer any questions the Board might have. Mr. Gallagher is also requesting two variances as part of the license application. The first variance results from his proposal that, because of the use of bar code technology, no pharmacist is needed to do a final check on the product; and second, because of the use of robotics, an increased ratio of technicians will be needed. Mr. Gallagher's proposal for Smartfill is that the Smartfill Pharmacy would act as a central fill site for refilled prescriptions originally filled at pharmacies that choose to contract with Smartfill for refilling services. The prescriptions filled by Smartfill Pharmacy would then be transported back to the pharmacy of origin where the patient would pick them up. Through the extensive use of bar code technology and robotics, Smartfill Pharmacy proposes to more efficiently prepare refill prescriptions; thus, freeing up some time for the local pharmacist who could then provide additional professional services.

After a lengthy discussion regarding this application, Mr. Vern Kassekert 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 subject also to the following conditions: The pharmacist at the home pharmacy, where the original fill of a prescription took place and which the refills are delivered by Smartfill, must do patient counseling and a "show and tell" with each prescription dispensed by the home pharmacy that was filled by Smartfill; a log of the identification of both the technician and pharmacist involved in filling of the robot cells must be maintained at Smartfill; the identification of both Smartfill Pharmacy and the home pharmacy, to which Smartfill will be delivering the prescriptions, must be carried on the label of the prescription; and Mr. Gallagher must report back to the Board at the end of six months, and again at the end of one year, regarding any errors or problems that have occurred at Smartfill or with the policies and procedures in place for the operation of the Smartfill concept. In addition, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the variances requested by Mr. Gallagher on behalf of Smartfill be approved for a one-year period of time, subject to the following conditions. The variance relating to the final check by a pharmacist is approved for a one-year period of time; but, for the first three months of operation a pharmacist must check all prescriptions dispensed, for the next three months the pharmacist must check all prescriptions dispensed one day per week, and for the next six months the pharmacist must check all prescriptions dispensed on one day per month.

The variance request for an increased ratio of pharmacy technicians was approved for a 3:1 technician-to-pharmacist ratio for the first six months of operation after which the Board will entertain a request for a higher ratio. The motions passed.

The Board next turned its attention to reports from its standing committees.

The Board first addressed the report from the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force. Mr. Holmstrom presented the Board with a list of continuing education programs submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of February 11 and April 8, 2003. Ms. Carol Peterson then moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert

seconded that those programs recommended for approval by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force be so approved and that those programs for which the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force recommended denial of approval be denied. The motion passed.

The Board next addressed the report of the Examination Committee. Mr. Holmstrom presented the Board with scores for candidates for licensure by reciprocity. After a review of the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson 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>
8310	Renee Lynn Burgess	MT
8311	Stephanie Anne Thompson	AR
8312	Lance Leonard Swearingen	WI
8313	Sarina Bee Lee	RI
8314	Brian Joseph Redig	IA
8315	Christopher J. Sedlmajer	NE
8316	Edward J. Berki	ND

The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented a report from the Internship Committee. No formal action on this report was required.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented to the Board the [report of the Variance Committee](#). In addition to the report of the committee, individuals proposing two different variance proposals requested an opportunity to make a presentation directly to the Board. The first of those proposals involved a proposal from [Mendota Healthcare relating to RedPharm Pharmacy and the InstyMeds Automated Drug Dispensing Unit](#). Ms. Linda Kobilarcsik and Mr. Ken Rosenblum personally appeared before the Board to discuss the proposal.

The proposal put forward by Ms. Kobilarcsik was that RedPharm Pharmacy be able to use the InstyMeds Automated Medication Dispensing System at a remote location as part of a telepharmacy-dispensing program with RedPharm Pharmacy being the host site.

Of particular concern to the Board, however, was that the proposal did not include direct pharmacist-patient communication, unless the patient initiated a phone call to the pharmacy. After a lengthy discussion of the proposal with Ms. Kobilarcsik, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the proposal be tabled until the July 23rd meeting when the Board members who are absent from this meeting can consider the proposal and provide their input. The motion passed.

At this time, Mr. Scott Knoer, Ms. Bonnie Senst, and Mr. Mark Thomas appeared before the Board to discuss the amended version of the Tech-Check-Tech policies and procedures developed in cooperation with the Minnesota Society of Health System Pharmacists.

The original Tech-Check-Tech proposal and the original operating policies for a Tech-Check-Tech program were developed in 1988 and 1989 and were amended in 2001 to include Tech-Check-Tech checking of the loading of Pyxis machines in the institutional setting. During the discussions with the Board in 2001, additional concerns and comments were communicated to Mr. Knoer and Ms. Senst regarding the overall Tech-Check-Tech proposal. Those concerns and communications have now been incorporated into the policies and procedures. After a general discussion of the Tech-Check-Tech program and policies and procedures, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that this item also be tabled until the July meeting so that input from the absent Board members can be obtained. The motion to table passed.

Ms. Monica Feider, Program Director for the Health Professional Services Program (HPSP), and Ms. Joan Monahan, Case Manager for HPSP, now appeared before the Board to provide the Board with background information regarding the operation of HPSP and the number of pharmacist licensees enrolled in the program. No formal action by the Board was indicated, as a result of this report.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented to the Board an additional request for an extension of a previously granted variance to be added to the Variance Committee report. Ms. Nan Schroeder and Dr. David Paulson, both from the Minnesota Department of Corrections, are requesting an extension of a previously granted variance that allows enhanced emergency kits to be maintained at the Minnesota Correctional Facilities. The request was for a three-year extension. After a brief discussion, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Department of Correction's request for an extension of the previously granted variance be approved for a three-year period of time. The motion passed.

The Board next addressed itself to the Variance Committee report. After making minor modifications in the Variance Committee recommendations relating to extensions of previously granted variances for Bridges Medical Services in Ada, Minnesota, and for Regions Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the recommendations of the Variance Committee be approved. The motion passed.

The Board next concluded its consideration of reports of standing committees by receiving a report from the Rules and Legislation Committee presented by Mr. Holmstrom. The report of the Rules and Legislation Committee did not require any affirmative action by the Board.

President Johnson next provided the Board with a report concerning her attendance at the NABP Annual meeting and reiterated her concern that she was the only representative from the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy to attend the meeting.

The Board next discussed the many benefits that accrue to the Board and to the state of Minnesota from participation at the NABP Annual meeting and directed Mr. Holmstrom to process Ms. Johnson's meeting attendance expenses for payment by the Board.

Mr. Holmstrom next requested a Board member volunteer to participate in the item review session scheduled by NABP for states that utilize the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination. Ms. Betty Johnson volunteered to assist Mr. Holmstrom in this project.

Mr. Holmstrom next reviewed with the Board the action taken by the Legislature regarding the Board's operating budget for the next two years. No official action by the Board was taken.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented to the Board a draft copy of a proposed policy for the Board office regarding workplace violence and prohibition of firearms at work. After reviewing and discussing the document, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board adopt the policy as proposed by Mr. Holmstrom. The motion passed.

The Board next entertained a request from Board member Jean Lemberg that the December 2003 Board meeting be moved from its tentative date of December 10th to a new date. After a brief discussion, the Board established December 3rd as the new date for the December 2003 Board meeting.

While discussing the Board's calendar of future meetings, the Board established dates for the Board exam and meeting of January 2004. The Board exam will be held on Tuesday, January 6, and the Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2004.

The Board next turned its discussion to establishing a date for a strategic planning meeting. The Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to send a memo to all Board members regarding possible dates for the strategic planning meeting to be held in late summer or early fall.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and President Johnson adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:50 p.m.

PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

VARIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

May 14, 2003

New Variances

Arenson's Annandale Pharmacy (Annandale)

Craig Bechtold, PIC

Request permission to utilize the APS-Baker Cell Automated counting machine

Approved – one year (on condition 1) certification – how will you visually verify product; 2) clarify statement on handling of returns; and 3) include a statement in your policies and procedures regarding the training of technicians)

Cash Wise Pharmacy (Owatonna)

Rick Hurd, PIC

Request to allow Cash Wise Pharmacy to store records in a locked room

Permanent (on condition that only the pharmacist has access)

Fairview Lakes Pharmacy – Lino Lakes (Lino Lakes)

Brenda Behm, PIC

Request to allow Fairview Lakes Pharmacy – Lino Lakes to utilize a cabinet dedicated for record retention only

Permanent (on condition that only the pharmacist has access to the cabinet)

Fairview Northland Pharmacy (Princeton)

Kurt Gramith, PIC

Request to allow Fairview Northland Pharmacy - Princeton to provide a secure supply of pre-packaged medications in the Fairview Northland Hospital Emergency Room (in the Princeton Hospital) and a lock-box for securing the prescriptions for those medications

Approved – one year (Denied the request to use the Urgent Care Clinic)

Fairview Lakes Regional Health Care Pharmacy (Wyoming)

Mark Nelson, PIC

Request relates utilizing the Pyxis automated dispensing system throughout the hospital

Approved – one year (inspectors will visit within six months)

IVESCO Pharmacy (Mankato)

Melissa Lembke, PIC

Request relates to allowing a technician to receive and fill orders, which will be certified by a pharmacist before they leave the pharmacy

Approved – one year

Mayo Clinic Pharmacy (Rochester)

Peter Bjerke, PIC

Request relates to allowing technicians to enter prescriptions outside of the licensed pharmacy at a satellite pharmacy computer located within the clinic

Denied (remote site must be staffed by a pharmacist)

Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy (Rochester)

Gary Pundt, PIC

Request relates to allowing information relating to prescriptions, invoices and business records to be kept in off-site storage

Deferred (need more information as to where the records will be kept)

Mendota Healthcare is RedPharm Drug (Minnetonka)

Linda Kobilarcsik, PIC

Request relates to allowing for the utilization of the InstyMeds Prescription Medication Dispensing System in a telepharmacy model

Submitted to Full Board without a recommendation

Mille Lacs Hospital Pharmacy (Onamia)

Greg Steffenson, PIC

Request permission to utilize the Omnicell system for the hospital

Approved – one year (inspector will visit within six months)

Owatonna Clinic Pharmacy (Owatonna)

Teresa Price, PIC

Request relates to allowing limited pharmacy access for a trained RN, in the event of an unplanned absence of the pharmacist, to ensure proper patient care for chemotherapy patients

Approved – one year (on condition you report back within six months regarding the extent of use)

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (St. Louis Park)

Richard Bleck, Pharmacy Director

Request relates to allowing Park Nicollet Services to have a medication distribution system in the Heart Center they are building, which would allow prescriptions from Heart Center physicians to be dropped off at a designated area in the Heart Center

Denied

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (Minnetonka)

Robert Huber, PIC

Request permission to utilize the ScriptPro SP 200 Robotic Prescription Dispensing System

Approved – one year (on condition that 1) pharmacist's-in-charge must sign; 2) you need to follow guideline #7; 3) you will notify us where does pharmacist certification gets

documented; 4) include a statement in your policies and procedures regarding the training of technicians, and 5) returns are to be done by the pharmacist

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (St. Louis Park)

Leanne Rindahl, PIC

Request approval of the placement of a ScriptPro Pharmacy Automation Robotic Prescription Dispensing System SP 100

Deferred (Spell out how policies and procedures meet our guidelines)

PharMerica (Fridley)

Scott Bryngelson, PIC

Request to allow for off-site storage of pharmacy records

Deferred (Committee on Professional Standards to review)

Request to allow for electronic certification of all prescriptions filled at PharMerica

Deferred (Committee on Professional Standards to review)

Snyder's Drug Store #5066 (Minnetonka)

Adam Nachand, PIC

Request permission to utilize the ScriptPro Automated Counting Machine

Approved – one year

Snyder's Drug Store #5008 (Park Rapids)

Jackie Rehm, PIC

Request permission to utilize the ScriptPro Automated Counting Machine

Approved – one year

Sterling Drug (Austin)

Tim Gallagher, Pharmacy Director

Request to establish a central fill location providing prescription-filling services to contracted pharmacies. Variances relate to equipment, technician ratio, certification of manufacturer's container, and technicians performing final certification.

Approved – one year

Target Pharmacy T-1375 (Minneapolis)

Kristin Lamprecht, PIC

Request permission to utilize the Baker Cell Automated Counting Machine

Approved – one year

Virginia Regional Medical Center Pharmacy (Virginia)

Steve Palazzari, PIC

Request to allow certified technicians to check technicians in regard to restocking our Omnicell automated dispensing system

Deferred (once tech-check-tech for Pyxis is finalized that will be your guideline)

Wabasha Pharmacy (Wabasha)

Timothy Wodele, PIC

Request permission to utilize the ScriptPro SP 200 Robotic Dispensing System at the Wabasha Pharmacy

Approved – one year (on condition you make it specific to your pharmacy and that you address the guidelines)

Walgreens #05635 (Brainerd)

Ame Carlson, PIC

Request permission to utilize the Baker APS System

Approved – one year (on condition that you address the issue of prevention of cross-contamination)

Walgreens Pharmacy #2784 (Duluth)

Gretchen Neumann, PIC

Request permission to utilize the Baker APS System

Approved – one year (when loading, does pharmacist visually observe/check? and be consistent with terms-cells no cassettes)

Walgreens Pharmacy #349 (Duluth)

Steven Lamppa, PIC

Request to allow for off-site storage of pharmacy records

Permanent

Request permission to utilize the Baker Cassettes

Approved – one year (on condition 1) you must redo for own store and be consistent regarding term – is it cells or cassettes? If cassettes, how will you avoid cross-contamination; and 2) patient counseling area needs to be addressed)

Walgreens #05634 (Lakeville)

Trudy Matthys, PIC

Request permission to utilize the Baker Cassettes

Approved – one year

Walgreens Pharmacy #5882 (New Hope)

David Clyne, PIC

Request permission to utilize the McKesson APS cassettes

Approved – one year (on condition pharmacist visually verifies proper loading)

Walgreens Pharmacy #3101 (St. Cloud)

Timothy Magarian, PIC

Request to utilize Baker APS Systems automated counting machines

Approved – one year (on condition 1) returns are to be done by the pharmacist; and 2) filling must be visually inspected by the pharmacist

Walgreens #04879 (Savage)

Amy Matiak, PIC

Request to utilize Baker APS Systems automated counting machines

Approved – one year (on condition 1) returns are to be done by the pharmacist; and 2) filling must be visually inspected by the pharmacist

Stoffel, Jennifer

Requests an exemption from the Preceptor Application requirement that she demonstrate having 2,000 hours as a pharmacist actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy within the State of Minnesota

Permanent

Extensions

Allina Community Pharmacies (Several)

Patrick Oberembt, PIC

Extension relates to the establishment of hospice E-Kits at multiple Allina Community Pharmacies

Each pharmacist-in-charge must make request for his/her individual pharmacy

Bemidji MeritCare Clinic Pharmacy (Bemidji)

Gretchen Bonik, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows for the licensure of noncontiguous space at Bemidji Clinic Pharmacy Meritcare

Deferred (need to have the issues from the last, 8/21/2001, inspection report addressed)

Bridges Medical Services (Ada)

Gary Rosenau, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows you to continue the limited pharmacy hours during which you provide professional pharmacy services to Bridges

Denied (provide service or give up license)

Cash Wise Pharmacy #9 (Waite Park)

Holly Senn, PIC

Extension is for variance that relates to the certification requirement found in Board of Pharmacy rules due to your use of a Baker Pharmacy 2000 System, with the condition that, while using system, the pharmacist would not be reviewing the manufacturer's original container from which the medication was withdrawn during the certification steps for a prescription

Approved – two years

Children's Home Care Pharmacy (Minneapolis), Children's Hospitals & Clinics Pharmacy (St. Paul), and Children's Health Care Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Mark Thomas, Director of Pharmacy

Extension is for variance that allows the preparation and TPN solutions at your cleanroom location for patients at Minneapolis and St. Paul Children's Hospitals as well as your own Home Care patients

Approved – two years

Children's Hospitals & Clinics Pharmacy (St. Paul)

Ruth Johnson, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows Children's Hospitals & Clinics Pharmacy - St. Paul to participate in the Tech-Check-Tech program

Approved – one year (pending review by us of March tech-check-tech validation results)

Chronimed Pharmacy (Minnetonka)

David Busch, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows the transfer of partial prescriptions to local pharmacies for emergency filling rather than transferring of the entire prescription record for Chronimed patients

Approved – two years

Coborns Pharmacy and St. Michael's Hospital Pharmacy (Sauk Centre) –

Dennis Heinen, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows Coborn's Pharmacy to provide emergency kits for St. Michael's Hospice

Deferred (need more information as to how often Roxanol concentrate is used, why this cannot be unit dosed, how do you get prescriptions, and nurses cannot "dispense")

Fairview Mesaba Pharmacy (Hibbing)

Jeffrey Shapiro, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows Fairview Mesaba Pharmacy to prepare starter packs of drugs to be dispensed by the physicians at your clinic when no retail pharmacies are open

Approved – one year

Fairview Oxboro Pharmacy (Bloomington)

Michael Wagner, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows Fairview Oxboro Pharmacy to house the ADDS telepharmacy system for the Eagan, Highland Park, and Staub's clinics, which was previously housed at the Fairview Northland - Lino Lakes Pharmacy

Indefinite

Fairview Specialty Services Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Gregg Kylo, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows Fairview Wholesale Services Pharmacy and Fairview Specialty Services Pharmacy to share equipment, reference books, physical space and security

Indefinite

Fairview Wholesale Services Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Jon Brumond, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows Fairview Wholesale Services Pharmacy and Fairview Specialty Services Pharmacy to share equipment, reference books, physical space and security

Indefinite

Goodrich Pharmacy (Anoka)

Steven Simenson, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows the return of unit dose-packaged medications from the Anoka County Correctional Facility

Approved – one year (but send documentation of your checks on medication storage)

Pharmacist-in-charge at Andover must request own variance regarding Lino Lakes

High Pointe Pharmacy Inc. (Lake Elmo)

Gregory Schad, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows High Pointe Pharmacy to accept returns of medications from the Washington County Jail

Approved – one year (on condition you submit to us documentation of site visits to confirm storage conditions)

Lake Region Healthcare Corporation (Fergus Falls)

Gerald Peterson, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows dispensing by RNs out of the hospital emergency room during nights, weekends and holidays

Approved – one year (prepacks okay per Board guidelines, but no nurse dispensing – physicians must personally dispense)

LTC Prescription Providers Inc. (Proctor)

Doug White, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows LTC Prescription Providers to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

Regions Hospital (St. Paul)

Ken Nelson, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows for the continuation of the Tech-Check-Tech program at Regions Hospital

Deferred (until tech-check-tech is finalized in June)

Setzer Pharmacy Inc. (Roseville)

Peter Haas, PIC

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

Deferred (why not use technology to eliminate need for this variance)

Thrifty White Drug #103 (Alexandria)

Brian Gibson, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows you to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

Thrifty White Drug Store #744 (Cloquet)

Cindy Doe, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows you to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

Thrifty White Drug #734 (Fergus Falls)

Dave Gilles, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows you to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

Thrifty White Drug #728 (Grand Rapids)

Bonita Moger, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows you to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

Thrifty White Drug #710 (Hastings)

David Szatkowski, PIC

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Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

Thrifty White Drug #720 (Hibbing)

Mark Johnson, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows you to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

Thrifty White Drug #722 (Marshall)

Rebecca Bakker, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows you to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

Thrifty White Drug #704 (Mound)

Timothy Mueller, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows you to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

Thrifty White Drug #708 (New Ulm)

Teri Lutz, PIC

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Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

Thrifty White Drug #745 (Osakis)

Gregg Anderson, PIC

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Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

Thrifty White Drug #743 (St. Michael)

Lisa Chambers, PIC

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Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

Thrifty White Drug #736 (Thief River Falls)

Mike LaSalle, PIC

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Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

Thrifty White Drug #727 (Waseca)

Dale Rudolph, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows you to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

Thrifty White Drug #22 (Willmar)

Rebecca McCleery, PIC

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Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

White Drug #52 (Fargo, ND)

Melissa Kadlec, PIC

Extension is for variance that allows you to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

White Drug #30 (Grand Forks, ND)

Gary Semmens, PIC

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Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

White Drug (Virginia)

Mark Walters, PIC

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Approved – one year (send us a copy of your inspection report the next time you submit this variance extension request)

Miscellaneous:

Target Pharmacy T-47 (Edina)

Jennifer Farley, PIC

Variance relates to the checking of the original container from which the medication was withdrawn during the certification steps for prescription dispensing performed by Target pharmacists

Approved – one year (must follow our guidelines)