

Minnesota Board of Pharmacy

SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINTH MEETING

At approximately 8:30 a.m., June 8, 2005, the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy met in Conference Room A, at the University Park Plaza Building, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board were in attendance with the exception of Ms. Jean Lemberg, who, unfortunately, passed away since the Board's last meeting. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Tiernee Murphy.

After reviewing, amending, and approving the agenda for this meeting, and the minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2005, the Board adjourned to its closed, quasi-judicial session.

The first item of a quasi-judicial nature, on which the Board took final action, involved the pharmacist license of Mr. Marlin Ramler. Ms. Murphy presented the Board with a proposed Stipulation and Order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. Ramler. The Stipulation and Order was developed subsequent to a conference held with Mr. Ramler on March 30, 2005, to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The proposed Stipulation and Order has been agreed to and signed by Mr. Ramler. Since, under the terms of the proposed Stipulation and Order, Mr. Ramler is surrendering his license to practice pharmacy in Minnesota, Mr. Ramler did not appear before the Board to discuss the proposed Stipulation and Order.

After discussing the proposed Stipulation and Order, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board accept the proposed Stipulation and Order and that Mr. Holmstrom sign the Order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed.

The second item of a quasi-judicial nature to come before the Board was a petition from Mr. Bradley Wacholz requesting that his probation with the Board be lifted. Mr. Wacholz now, personally, appeared before the Board to discuss his compliance with the terms of his probation and his petition that the probationary status be lifted.

After discussion of his compliance with the terms of probation and his successful completion of the contract with the Health Professionals Services Program, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board recognize the successful completion of the terms of probation by Mr. Wacholz and restore an unconditional license to practice pharmacy. The motion passed.

The Board now returned to its open session.

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 Alternative Infusion Services, in St. Cloud, Minnesota, by Mr. Steven Olson, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carleton Crawford 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. The motion passed.

The second application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Community Care Pharmacy, in St. Joseph, Minnesota, by Mr. Gerald Wensmann, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Kay Dvorak seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with special attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Cub Pharmacy, in Champlin, Minnesota, by Ms. Denise Peterson, Temporary Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with special attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The fourth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of CVS Pharmacy #1747, in Chanhassen, Minnesota, by Ms. Linda Cimbron, Assistant Secretary at CVS. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with special attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The fifth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Hugo's Family Pharmacy, in Crookston, Minnesota, by Mr. Scott Maves, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Kay Dvorak moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with special attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The sixth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Park Nicollet Pharmacy, in Chanhassen, Minnesota, by Mr. Richard Bleck, Temporary Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that a permanent pharmacist-in-charge has now been identified for the pharmacy, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert

seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with special attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The seventh application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Rainbow Pharmacy #8822, in Lakeville, Minnesota, by Mr. Cecil Roberts, Temporary Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with special attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The eighth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of RxHealthcare, in Melrose, Minnesota, by Mr. Gary Anderson, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with special attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The ninth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Specialized Treatment Service Pharmacy, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Mr. Douglas Darling, Temporary Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and after noting several concerns and pieces of information that needed to be addressed, Ms. Kay Dvorak moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that this application be deferred until the next meeting of the Board and until the questions raised by the Board are addressed. The motion passed.

The tenth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Walgreen's Pharmacy #07728, in Lakeville, Minnesota, by Ms. Michelle Aytay, Temporary Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with special attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The eleventh and final application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Wal-Mart Pharmacy #10-3624, in Monticello, Minnesota, by Ms. Leanne Arons, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert

seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with special attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area. The motion 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 8, 2005 and April 13, 2005. Ms. Betty Johnson 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.

Board Member Betty Johnson next led a discussion of the PSAM examination recently developed by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). PSAM stands for Pharmacist Self-Assessment Mechanism and the exam is intended as a confidential assessment tool that pharmacists are able to use to determine competence or practice areas in which to focus their continuing education efforts. No formal action was taken by the Board on the report by Board Member Johnson.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the report of the Examination Committee. The first item was a presentation of the scores of candidates for licensure by reciprocity and licensure by examination. After a review of the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Ms. Betty Johnson 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>
8834	Reena Patel	NJ
8835	Jasmine Minh Vu	MI
8836	Lisa Ann McConkey	WI
8837	Tsuhua Susan Chen	IL
8839	Bernard J. Winter	IA
8840	Shelly Louise Zierdt	WI
8841	Jolene Ann Goehring	WI
8843	Christopher John Deholl	SC
8844	Cynthia Anne Beko	IN
8846	Carolyn Ann Sieraski	WI
8847	Joseph B. Stanek	IL
8849	Philip Glen Staff	KY

The Board next turned its attention to performance of candidates for licensure by examination that have now completed all parts of the January 2005 Board Examination. For Full Board Examination candidates, the Board determined that, in grading the examinations, the NAPLEX portion of the exam would be weighted at 65% of the total, the Board's Practical Examination weighted at 20% of the total, the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination weighted at 15% of the total, and that the minimum passing score on each of those parts, as well as the minimum overall score, would be 75. With the passing level thus established, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the following candidates be granted licensure as pharmacists:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>REGISTRATION #</u>
Netsanet Yibarek	8838	118208-2
Subhashri Ram	8842	118212-1
Richard H. Pham	8845	118215-0
Susan R. Konezny	8848	118218-9
Stacie A. Neal	8850	118220-2

The motions passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the Board with recommendations for requirements to be placed on pharmacists who have allowed their Minnesota license to lapse and who are seeking reinstatement. After reviewing the reinstatement standards draft dated April 8, 2005, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Ms. Kay Dvorak seconded that the Board adopt those reinstatement standards as the requirements for pharmacist reinstatement effective immediately. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the Board with a letter from Mr. Augustine F. Aworuwa. Mr. Aworuwa is a foreign trained Nigerian pharmacist who has applied to take the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination when it is offered in June of 2005. Mr. Aworuwa obtained his bachelor of science in pharmacy degree and a doctor of medicine degree from the Philippines, but was unable to be licensed in the Philippines because foreign nationals, even if they are graduates of Philippine universities, are not allowed to be licensed or registered since, according to Philippine law, only natural born Philippino citizens are allowed to take the pharmacy licensure exam.

Mr. Aworuwa's application to sit for the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination was not accepted by NABP, in that one of the requirements for acceptance as a candidate for the FPGEE is licensure in the country in which the candidate graduated from pharmacy school.

Mr. Aworuwa is now requesting that the Board accept him as a candidate for the NAPLEX and Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination, in spite of his inability to qualify by becoming certified through the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Commission. After carefully reviewing the letter and documentation supplied by Mr. Aworuwa, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the Board deny the request in that

Mr. Aworuwa did not supply the Board with any information on his practice history in pharmacy since his graduation from pharmacy school in 1976. The motion to deny was passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented to the Board a letter from Ms. Julie Wharam. Ms. Wharam is seeking reinstatement of her license to practice pharmacy in Minnesota after allowing it to lapse in 2003. After citing the just adopted policy for reinstatement of a lapsed pharmacist license, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the reinstatement policy dated April 8, 2005, be applied to Ms. Wharam. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the Board with a report from the Internship Committee, which included a request from Mr. Atul Kumar that the Board accept his experience in a research project as meeting the 800 non-dispensing hour requirement for internship. Mr. Kumar and Professor Henry Mann, of the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, submitted letters to the Board to discuss the request by Mr. Kumar. Mr. Tom Dickson then moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board accept Mr. Kumar's research experience with Dr. Mann as meeting 800 hours of non-dispensing internship experience. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the Board with a report from the Rules and Legislation Committee, which included a summary of pharmacy-related legislation and a summary of the first meetings of the Board's ad hoc committees providing input to the Board on the development of language for amendments to the Board's rules, which have not yet been formally proposed.

At this time, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded the following resolution.

"Resolved, that David Holmstrom, Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, is hereby granted the authority and is directed to sign and to give the Notice of the Board's Intent To Adopt Rules using alternate notices of whether a hearing will be held governing rules relating to the practice of pharmacy to all persons who have registered their names with the Board for that purpose and publish the Notice and rules in the State Register, and to perform any and all acts incidental thereto."

"Be it further resolved, that, if there are fewer than 25 outstanding hearing requests, David Holmstrom, the Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, is hereby granted the authority and is directed to sign the Order Adopting Rules and to perform any and all acts incidental thereto."

"Be it further resolved, that, if there are 25 or more outstanding hearing requests, David Holmstrom, the Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, is hereby granted the authority and is directed to act as the Board's representative at the hearing and to perform any and all acts incidental thereto."

The Board next began discussion of the report of the Variance Committee and of additional information made available to the Board on certain variance requests.

Mr. Gary Boehler, Executive Vice President of Pharmacy for Thrifty White Drug Stores, now appeared before the Board to discuss the telepharmacy variance at Karlstad, Minnesota, and also discussed the issue of whether Schedule II Controlled Substances could be dispensed in 30-day blister cards instead of ordinary prescription vials.

After discussion of the various issues with Mr. Boehler, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the issue of dispensing of controlled substances in 30-day blister cards be approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Tom Dickson then moved and Ms. Kay Dvorak seconded that the variance for the telepharmacy program at Karlstad be extended to November of 2006. The motion passed.

Pharmacy Board Surveyors Stuart Vandenberg and Les Kotek next presented the Board with guidelines they have developed for the control of drug samples in both in-patient hospitals and outpatient pharmacies. After discussing and reviewing the sample guidelines developed by the Board surveyors, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the guidelines be approved and adopted by the Board and that the pharmacy Board surveyors be authorized to distribute them on an as-needed basis. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the Board with a variance request submitted on behalf of Cardinal Health Nuclear Pharmacy Services by Mr. Gordy Kohs, Pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Kohs is seeking the clarative opinion from the Board that the manner in which technicians are used at Cardinal Health Nuclear Pharmacy Services qualifies for a three-to-one technician-to-pharmacist ratio authorized under Minn. Rule 6800.3850, subp. 6.b. After reviewing and discussing the information submitted by Mr. Kohs, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board accept the arguments made by Mr. Kohs and that a three-to-one ratio of technicians-to-pharmacist would appear to be appropriate for Cardinal Health Nuclear Pharmacy Services. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented to the Board a variance request submitted on behalf of Mayo Clinic Pharmacy by Mr. Gerald Christenson, Pharmacy Manager, regarding a proposal to remodel the pharmacy and to consider space on three floors directly above each other as a single licensed area. After carefully reviewing the proposal made by Mr. Christenson, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board grant the variance requested to allow the Mayo Clinic Pharmacy to expand vertically subject to review and approval by Board of Pharmacy inspectors. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented to the Board a letter from Mr. Richard Bleck, Pharmacy Director at Park Nicollet Pharmacies. Mr. Bleck is requesting approval by the Board of a proposal to establish a central-fill process at the new Park Nicollet Chanhassen Retail Pharmacy. The central-fill service would serve Park Nicollet's twelve other retail pharmacy locations and Park Nicollet would plan on sending the auto-fill and the mail out prescriptions from these locations to the central-fill pharmacy. After reviewing the documentation submitted by

Mr. Bleck, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the central-fill proposal by Mr. Bleck be approved on condition the pharmacist at each of the primary sites must provide a "show and tell" and provide patient counseling with each new prescription filled at the pharmacy and on every prescription filled at the central-fill pharmacy.

The Board next turned its attention to the report of the Variance Committee and the recommendations contained therein. After reviewing the Variance Committee report, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Ms. Kay Dvorak seconded that the recommendations of the Variance Committee, exclusive of the variance issues addressed individually above, be accepted. The motion passed.

The Board next began a discussion of an e-mail from a pharmacist regarding the issue of pharmaceutical waste. After a lengthy discussion on the issue, the Board directed staff to continue to study the issue and, if additional information is forthcoming, to consider addressing the issue in the rule package currently under development.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the Board with a letter from Pharmacist Kristin Engebretsen regarding the extent to which pharmacists are allowed to involve themselves in saliva testing of patients and the interpretation of results yielding recommendations for herbal products or other over the counter drugs. The Board determined that it did not have enough information on the issue to come to a conclusion and directed staff to meet with the Board of Medical Practice to further refine these issues.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.

PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

VARIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
June 8, 2005

New Variances:

Bethesda Home Pharmacy (St. Paul)
Timothy Dulac, PIC
Request permission to allow changes and additions to narcotic emergency supplies at White Bear Lake
Transitional Care Unit
Approved – one year (but no Ambien)

Clancy's Pharmacy (Hastings)
Bradley Larson, PIC
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy
Approved – one year

Cub Pharmacy #661 (Maple Grove)
Gary Matson, PIC
Request permission to utilize ScriptPro Prescription Dispensing System in their pharmacy
Approved – one year (address returns by pharmacists, loading, must do dump out)

Cub Pharmacy #602 (Stillwater)
James A. Olson, PIC
Request permission to utilize Baker Cell automated counting equipment in their pharmacy
Approved – one year (address filling, final check from visual chart)

CVS Pharmacy #7110 (Andover)
Jennifer Kim, PIC
Request permission to utilize electronic initialing during certification by the pharmacist
Deferred (variance needs to be rewritten as per #5 and #6)

CVS Pharmacy #7152 (Blaine)
Gail Boehne, PIC
Request permission to utilize electronic initialing during certification by the pharmacist
Deferred (variance needs to be rewritten as per #5 and #6)

CVS Pharmacy #5999 (Mounds View)
Kristin Lamprecht, PIC
Request permission to utilize electronic imaging in place of checking of the manufacturer's stock bottle during
final certification
Approved – one year

CVS Pharmacy #5999 (Mounds View)
Kristin Lamprecht, PIC
Request permission to utilize electronic initialing during certification by the pharmacist
Approved – one year

CVS Pharmacy #7060 (St. Paul)
Ryan Loegering, PIC
Request permission to utilize electronic imaging in place of checking of the manufacturer's stock bottle during
final certification
Approved – one year

CVS Pharmacy #7060 (St. Paul)
Ryan Loegering, PIC
Request permission to utilize electronic initialing during certification by the pharmacist

Approved – one year

Econofoods Pharmacy (Farmington)
Richard Gorcowski, PIC
Request permission to store records in a locked cage in the back stockroom of the grocery store
Approved – one year

Fairview Edina Pharmacy (Edina)
Mike Sacks, PIC
Request permission to utilize Automated Drug Dispensing System technology to facilitate medication dispensing to the patients at the Fairview Southdale Hospital Same Day Surgery Center
Approved – one year

Fairview Riverside Pharmacy (Minneapolis)
Randy Kummerfeldt, PIC
Request permission to provide finished prescriptions for patient pick-up at two off-site Fairview business locations
Denied (must be staffed by a pharmacist)

Fairview Southdale Hospital Pharmacy (Edina)
Carl Woetzel, PIC
Request permission to utilize the tech-check-tech program in accordance with the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy's approved MSHP proposal
Denied (has risk management approved, which pharmacist is responsible, send initial validation to us, technicians should not be checking prescriptions on high-risk drugs)

First Choice Pharmacy (Gaylord)
Jill Reinhardt, PIC
Request permission to provide a drop-off for refills and new prescription requests at the Henderson Corner Store, where a pharmacist from First Choice Pharmacy would then pick up the refills and new prescription requests on a daily basis and process them at their pharmacy
Approved – two years (if delivered to patient's home)

Hennepin County Medical Center Pharmacy (Minneapolis)
David Graves, PIC
Request permission to utilize the Omnicell cabinet dispensing system in their pharmacy
Deferred (work with Candice Fleming regarding policies and procedures)

HFA Addiction Medicine Clinic (Minneapolis)
Douglas Darling, PIC
Request permission to be pharmacist-in-charge at three licensed pharmacies
Approved – one year

Omnicare - Minnesota (Crystal)
Lynne Schneider, PIC
Request permission to utilize an automated medication management system at the Elim Home - Princeton facility
Deferred (what medications are requested and why)

Omnicare - Minnesota (Crystal)
Lynne Schneider, PIC
Request permission to utilize an automated medication management system in the sub-acute units for the following specified facilities: Northridge Care Center, Good Shepherd Lutheran Home, and Guardian Angels Care Center
Deferred (get list of medications for sub-acute)

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (Chanhassen)
Richard Bleck, Pharmacy Director
Request permission to utilize ScriptPro-200 automated counting equipment in their pharmacy
Approved – one year (address loading, pharmacist verification or do dump out)

PharmaCorr (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)
N. Reed Heflin, Executive Vice President
Request permission to utilize automated dispensing equipment
Denied (must make stronger argument for need)

PharMerica (Fridley)
Michael Koski, PIC
Request permission to have Roxanol available for hospice patients at the Lutheran Home, in Belle Plain, and Walker Methodist
Approved – one year

PharMerica (Fridley)
Michael Koski, PIC
Request permission to have Roxanol available for hospice patients at the Hillcrest Health Care Center, Lake Ridge Health Care Center, and Maplewood Good Samaritan Center
Approved – one year

PrairieStone Pharmacy #14 (Burnsville)
Kendall Peterson, PIC
Request permission to utilize the AutoMed FastFill, QuickFill Plus, and WorkPath automated counting systems in their pharmacy
Approved – one year

PrairieStone Pharmacy #13 (Minnetonka)
Nancy Ebner, PIC
Request permission to utilize the AutoMed FastFill, QuickFill Plus, and WorkPath automated counting systems in their pharmacy
Approved – one year

PrairieStone Pharmacy #11 (Richfield)
Gena Strasia, PIC
Request permission to utilize the AutoMed FastFill, QuickFill Plus, and WorkPath automated counting systems in their pharmacy
Approved – one year

PrairieStone Pharmacy #1 (St. Louis Park)
Steve Pauli, PIC
Request permission to utilize the AutoMed FastPak 240 machine in their pharmacy
Approved – one year (central fill site is St. Louis Park, hard copy will reside at local site, central fill will have scanned copy, certification will be done at both central and local)

St. Francis Regional Medical Center Pharmacy (Shakopee)
Anne Larson, PIC
Request permission to utilize Allina pharmacy as the site for night pharmacy coverage for the following regional hospitals: Owatonna, Buffalo, New Ulm, Cambridge, Phillips Eye Institute, and River Falls, Wisconsin
Approved – one year (but cannot be used to reduce staffing at remote site)

St. Luke's Hospital Pharmacy (Duluth)
Gina Lemke, PIC
Request permission to allow registered nurses and respiratory therapists to return medications to the AcuDose cabinets
Denied (must use return bin and have pharmacist restock)

Snyder's Drug Store #5078 (Blaine)
Erik Overby, PIC
Request permission to utilize the McKesson APS Automated Counting Unit in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (revised policies and procedures to identify cells vs. cassettes, address cross-contamination, subject to documenting increase in counseling)

Snyder's Drug Store #5017 (Columbia Heights)

Stephen Gayner, PIC

Request permission to utilize the McKesson APS Automated Counting Unit in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (revised policies and procedures to identify cells vs. cassettes, address cross-contamination, subject to documenting increase in counseling)

Snyder's Drug Store #5067 (Maple Grove)

Amy Glowna, PIC

Request permission to utilize the McKesson APS Automated Counting Unit in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (revised policies and procedures to identify cells vs. cassettes, address cross-contamination, subject to documenting increase in counseling)

Snyder's Drug Store #5007 (Menahga)

Sheila Hensel, PIC

Request permission to accept full and partial blister cards from their nursing homes and assisted-living facilities

Deferred (must do own moisture permeability test defer assisted-living, okay nursing home)

Snyder's Drug Store #5032 (Monticello)

Trent Anderson, PIC

Request permission to utilize the McKesson APS Automated Counting Unit in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (revised policies and procedures to identify cells vs. cassettes, address cross-contamination, subject to documenting increase in counseling)

Snyder's Drug Store #5012 (New Hope)

David Dunn, PIC

Request permission to utilize the McKesson APS Automated Counting Unit in their pharmacy

Deferred (returns/dump out cells vs. cassettes)

Snyder's Drug Store #5059 (Plymouth)

Robert Johnson, PIC

Request permission to utilize the McKesson APS Automated Counting Unit in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (revised policies and procedures to identify cells vs. cassettes, address cross-contamination, subject to documenting increase in counseling)

Snyder's Drug Store #5015 (Roseville)

James Schaeffer, PIC

Request permission to utilize the McKesson APS Automated Counting Unit in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (revised policies and procedures to identify cells vs. cassettes, address cross-contamination, subject to documenting increase in counseling)

Snyder's Drug Store #5034 (St. Louis Park)

Mike Ukestad, PIC

Request permission to utilize the McKesson APS Automated Counting Unit in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (revised policies and procedures to identify cells vs. cassettes, address cross-contamination, subject to documenting increase in counseling)

Sterling Drug #3 (Albert Lea)

Robert Steffl, PIC

Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy

Denied (what happened to pharmacist certification?)

Sterling Drug #7 (Worthington)

Bryan Hagen, PIC

Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy

Approved – one year

Sterling Drug #8 (Worthington)
Jill Leusink, PIC
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy
Approved – one year

Target Pharmacy T-1356 (Minnetonka)
Valerie Haverkost, PIC
Request permission to utilize automated counting machines in the form of non-interfaced Baker cassettes in their pharmacy
Approved – one year

Target Pharmacy T-931 (Stillwater)
Joel Adamic, PIC
Request permission to utilize automated Baker Cell Cassettes in their pharmacy
Approved – one year (subject to returns/dump out)

Thrifty White Drug #754 (Moose Lake)
Wayne Peterson, PIC
Request permission to accept medication returns from Oakview I and II and Minnesota Sex Offender Program utilizing the same policies and procedures as used in accepting returns from nursing homes
Approved – one year

Thrifty White Drug #726 (Red Wing)
John Stevens, PIC
Request permission to accept medication returns from the Goodhue County Adult Detention Center utilizing the same policies and procedures as used in accepting returns from nursing homes
Deferred (pending addressing it in rules)

Walgreen's Pharmacy (Roseville)
Chantal Yazbeck, PIC
Request permission to utilize automated Baker Counting Cells in their pharmacy
Approved – one year (pending no returns)

Wal-Mart Pharmacy #10-3404 (St. Anthony)
Judy Hull, PIC
Request permission to utilize electronic certification for quality assurance double-check
Approved – one year

White Drug #107 (Cloquet)
Barry Martinson, PIC
Request permission to accept medication returns from assisted-living facilities and/or jails
Deferred (pending addressing it in rules)

Extensions to Current Variances:

Arenson's Annandale Pharmacy, Inc. (Annandale)
Craig Bechtold, PIC
Extension of variance that allows utilization of the APS-Baker Cell Automated counting machine in their pharmacy
Deferred (did not address issues upon original approval, policies must conform to guidelines)

Austin Compounding Specialties and Medicap Pharmacy (Austin)
Jon Engelhardt, PIC
Extension of variance that allows the pharmacist-in-charge to serve as pharmacist-in-charge at both Austin Compounding Specialties and Medicap Pharmacy
Approved – one year

Bigfork Valley Pharmacy (Bigfork)

Keith Pearson, PIC

Extension of variance that allows for the prepackaging of various prescription drugs to be dispensed by physicians in the Northome and Big Falls Clinics, and also in the Four Rivers Clinic located in Floodwood

Approved – one year (send stats regarding use and send policies and procedures)

Cash Wise Pharmacy #9 (Waite Park)

Holly Senn, PIC

Extension of variance that allows utilization of the Baker Pharmacy 2000 System, without the pharmacist reviewing the manufacturer's original container from which the medication was withdrawn during the pharmacist's certification steps of a prescription

Approved – two years

Children's Health Care Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Christine Koentopp, PIC

Extension of variance that allows Children's Health Care Pharmacy, in Minneapolis, to participate in the Tech-Check-Tech program

Approved – one year (fix item 2d under unit dose)

Children's Hospitals and Clinics (St. Paul)

Ruth Johnson, PIC

Extension of variance that allows Children's Hospitals and Clinics, in St. Paul, to participate in the Tech-Check-Tech program

Approved – one year

DaVita Clinical Research (Minneapolis)

Harry Alcorn, PIC

Extension of variance that allows exemption from the rule that all prescriptions are filled in numerical order

Approved – one year

DaVita Clinical Research (Minneapolis)

Harry Alcorn, PIC

Extension of variance that allows dispensing records be kept on-site

Approved – one year (subject to pharmacist having only access)

Econofoods Pharmacy #331 (St. Peter)

Gail Strand, PIC

Extension of variance that allows utilization of ScriptPro automation in their pharmacy

Approved – two years

Fairview Highland Park Pharmacy (St. Paul)

Tamara Day, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the pharmacy to stock and dispense sample medications for the physicians of the Fairview Highland Park Clinic

Deferred

Fairview Northland Pharmacy - Elk River (Elk River)

Cheryl Nelson, PIC

Extension of variance that allows Fairview Northland Pharmacy - Elk River to accept the return of unused medications from Sherburne County Jail

Deferred (still need more information on what was checked and does jail have an e-kit?)

Fairview Northland Regional Hospital Pharmacy - Princeton (Princeton)

Bruce Thompson, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the pharmacist at Fairview Lakes Hospital to do after hours order review and Pyxis "Release" of meds

Approved – one year

Fairview Riverside Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Randy Kummerfeldt, PIC

Extension of variance that allows Fairview Riverside Pharmacy to establish an OTC store at the Ebenezer Park Apartments in Minneapolis

Approved – one year (pick up okay, must have pharmacist on-site for pick up)

Fairview University Clinic Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Timothy Boonstra, PIC

Extension of variance that allows limited pharmacy services to be performed outside of the licensed pharmacy area

Approved – one year (subject to policies and procedures in general regarding Coumadin clinics)

Fairview Oncology Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Jill Severson, PIC

Extension of variance that allows you to stock and dispense sample medications for the physicians at the University of Minnesota's Masonic Cancer Clinic

Approved – one year (delete 1.1 language)

Guardian Pharmacy Services (Eden Prairie)

Jerry Edwards, PIC

Extension of variance that allows you to accept the return of drugs in Opus Unit Dose packaging from facilities licensed by the Minnesota Department of Health as an "Assisted Living Home Care Provider with Services"

Approved – one year

Health Care Pharmacy (Coon Rapids)

Diane Dalzell, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the establishment of hospice E-kits in your pharmacy

Deferred (pharmacist-in-charge must sign, send policies and procedures)

Lakeville Snyder Drug (Lakeville)

Constance Vihovde, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the Baker automated counting machine in their pharmacy

Deferred (returns to stock by pharmacist, training)

Liebe Drug Inc. (Ortonville)

Eric Brandriet, PIC

Extension of variance that allows you to provide pharmacy services to the residents of Clinton, Minnesota, through a system whereby prescriptions for patients in Clinton would be faxed to Liebe Drug, in Ortonville, for filling and delivered back to Liebe Variety, in Clinton, where they would be made available for pickup by the patient

6 Months (add video link and/or pharmacist on site part-time; how are drugs secured at Clinton (HIPAA concern))

LTC Prescription Providers Inc. (Proctor)

Douglas White, PIC

Extension of variance that allows LTC Prescription Providers to accept medication returns from the Wesley Residence assisted-living facility

Approved – one year

Market Pharmacy (Bemidji)

Thomas Thompson, PIC

Extension of variance that allows your pharmacy to maintain a separate inventory at Market Pharmacy owned by Bemidji State University (BSU), with your pharmacist dispensing prescriptions from BSU's

stock, and then delivering them to BSU Health Service on a daily basis for distribution by the nurse practitioner on duty to the patients
Deferred (pending inspector visit)

Merwin LTC Pharmacy #3 (Cambridge)

Patricia Fritz, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the establishment of emergency kits at Minnesota Extended Treatment Options in Cambridge

Approved – one year

Pamida Pharmacy #008 (Fergus Falls)

Julie Newton, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the ScriptPro Automated Dispensing System SP100 in the pharmacy

Approved – one year

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the storage of records in a warehouse area behind the central pharmacy and in an off-site storage area approximately one-half mile from the pharmacy

Approved – one year

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Extension of variance that allows for use of an expanded emergency medication kit at the St. Louis Park Plaza Health Care Center

Approved – one year

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Extension of variance that allows for use of an expanded emergency medication kit at Bloomington Health Care

Approved – one year

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Extension of variance that allows for use of expanded emergency kits at Maplewood Good Samaritan Center, Lake Ridge Health Care Center, and Hillcrest Health Care Center in Wayzata (the Hillcrest variance allows for inclusion of certain controlled substances)

Approved – one year

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Extension of variance that allows for an automatic 96-hour exchange of all noncontrolled or nonrefrigerated emergency medication kits at various long-term care facilities serviced by PharMerica

Approved – one year

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Extension of variance that allows nurses employed by PharMerica to assist the pharmacist in checking and inventorying emergency medication kits of various long-term care facilities

Approved – one year (how often does pharmacist check)

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of electronic certification of prescriptions filled at PharMerica and changes in the prescription processing whereby the paperwork does not follow the prescription order through the entire prescription filling process

Deferred (send information on errors, why initials on label, information on scanning overrides, how are initial stamps secured)

PrairieStone Pharmacy #5 (Edina)
Sadie Christianson, PIC
Extension of variance that allows the implementation of a free prescription pick-up and drop-off service for Best Buy employees located on the Best Buy Corporate Campus in Richfield
Approved – one year

PrairieStone Pharmacy #4 (Richfield)
Katie Kelley, PIC
Extension of variance that allows the implementation of a free prescription pick-up and drop-off service for Best Buy employees located on the Best Buy Corporate Campus in Richfield
Approved – one year

St. Olaf Pharmacy (Austin)
Richard Knoll, PIC
Extension of variance that allows the operation of the St. Olaf Pharmacy LeRoy telepharmacy in LeRoy, Minnesota
Approved – one year

Sleepy Eye Medical Center Hospital Pharmacy (Sleepy Eye)
Randall Armbruster, PIC
Extension of variance that allows the technician to work at times when the pharmacist is not present because of the layout of the pharmacy
Approved – one year (subject to policies and procedures and suggest work toward getting technician out of pharmacy}

Snyder's Drug Store #5008 (Park Rapids)
Jacklyn Rehm, PIC
Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the ScriptPro Automated Counting Machine in the prescription-filling operation of the pharmacy
Approved – one year (pharmacist do returns or dump outs)

Target Pharmacy T-1375 (Minneapolis)
Ann Byre, PIC
Extension of variance that allows the utilization of an automated counting machine in the pharmacy
Approved – one year (only if QA done on new prescriptions within 48 hours)

Thrifty White Drug #103 (Alexandria)
Brian Gibson, PIC
Extension of variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #103 to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities
Deferred (rule)

Thrifty White Drug #734 (Fergus Falls)
Dave Gilles, PIC
Extension of variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #734 to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities
Deferred (rule)

Thrifty White Drug #728 (Grand Rapids)
Bonita Moger, PIC
Extension of variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #728 to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities
Deferred (rule)

Thrifty White Drug #741 (Hibbing)
William Bonach, PIC
Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the ScriptPro SP100 and SP200 automated counting machines in the pharmacy

Approved – one year (address loading and returns)

Thrifty White Drug #720 (Hibbing)

Mark Johnson, PIC

Extension of variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #720 to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Deferred (rule)

Thrifty White Drug #722 (Marshall)

Rebecca Bakker, PIC

Extension of variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #722 to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Deferred (rule)

Thrifty White Drug #704 (Mound)

Angie Boris, PIC

Extension of variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #704 to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Deferred (rules)

Thrifty White Drug #704 (Mound)

Angie Boris, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the ScriptPro SP100 and SP200 automated counting machines in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (address loading and returns)

Thrifty White Drug #708 (New Ulm)

Cherry Jeske, PIC

Extension of variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #708 to accept medication returns from Prairie Senior Cottage

Approved – one year

Thrifty White Drug #745 (Osakis)

Gregg Anderson, PIC

Extension of variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #745 to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year

Thrifty White Drug #743 (St. Michael)

Lisa Chambers, PIC

Extension of variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #743 to accept medication returns from the Wellstead of Rogers assisted-living facility

Approved – one year

Thrifty White Drug #736 (Thief River Falls)

Mike LaSalle, PIC

Extension of variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #736 to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year

Thrifty White Drug #22 (Willmar)

Rebecca McCleery, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the Baker cells automation in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (certification must be of visual image – a list is not acceptable)

Unity Community Pharmacy (Fridley)

Sarah Johnson, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the establishment of hospice E-kits in your pharmacy

Deferred (pharmacist-in-charge sign, send policies and procedures)

Wabasha Pharmacy (Wabasha)

Timothy Wodele, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the ScriptPro SP200 Robotic Dispensing System in your pharmacy

Deferred (what are you asking for)

Walgreen's #05325 (Chaska)

Brian Erdman, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of Baker APS automated counting system in their pharmacy (specifically, seeking exemption from the Board's requirement that pharmacists check the manufacturer's original container from which medication is withdrawn during the certification process of prescription filling)

Approved – one year (send error report)

Walgreen's #07111 (Forest Lake)

Lisa Marek, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of Baker APS automated counting baker cassettes in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (send error report, address returns, certification must be described)

Walgreen's #05048 (Hastings) – Amy Miller

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the Baker APS System automated counting baker cassettes in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (send error report, address returns, certification must be described)

Walgreen's Pharmacy #1916 (Maple Grove)

Patsy Stuva, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of Baker APS automated counting baker cassettes in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (send error report, address returns)

Walgreen's Pharmacy #1687 (Maplewood)

Kristian Bloomquist, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the Baker APS System's automated counting cassettes in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (send error report, address returns)

Walgreen's Pharmacy #1151 (Moorhead)

Susan Black, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the Baker APS System in their pharmacy (specifically, seeking exemption to the Board's requirement for checking the immediate container from which medication was withdrawn during the certification step of prescription filling)

Approved – one year (send error report, address returns)

Walgreen's #06916 (Oak Park Heights)

Troy West, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the Baker APS systems automated counting Baker cells in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (send error report, address returns, certification must be described)

Walgreen's #866 (St. Paul)

Richard Hasher, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the Baker APS System automated counting machine in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (send error report, address returns)

Walgreen's #06489 (Shakopee)

Jill Ponce, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of Baker APS Systems automated baker cells in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (send error report, address returns)

White Drug #52 (Fargo, ND)

Jayne Steig, PIC

Extension of variance that allows White Drug #52 to accept medication returns from Evergreens of Moorhead assisted-living facility

Denied (North Dakota pharmacies)

White Drug #30 (Grand Forks, ND)

Gary Semmens, PIC

Extension of variance that allows White Drug #30 to accept medication returns from Edgewood Vista of East Grand Forks assisted-living facility

Denied (North Dakota pharmacies)

PIC Changes:

Bethesda Home Pharmacy (St. Paul)

Timothy Dulac, PIC

Extension of variance allowing changes and additions to narcotic emergency supplies at HealthEast Residence Transitional Care Unit

Approved – one year (no Ambien)

CVS Pharmacy #6811 (Plymouth)

Jason Francisco

Extension of variance to use electronic initialing during certification by the pharmacist

Deferred (pharmacist-in-charge must sign)

CVS Pharmacy #6811 (Plymouth)

Jason Francisco

Extension of variance to use electronic image in place of checking of the manufacturer's stock bottle during final certification

Deferred (pharmacist-in-charge must sign)

Fairview Edina Pharmacy (Edina)

Mike Sacks, PIC

Extension of variance that allows you to stock and dispense sample medications for use by oncology patients

Approved – one year

Fairview Edina Pharmacy (Edina)

Mike Sacks, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of a "satellite" pharmacy in conjunction with Fairview Edina Pharmacy and Fairview Southdale Hospital

Approved – one year

Fairview Hiawatha Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Shelby Setniker-Eschiti, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the pharmacy to stock and dispense sample medications for the physicians of the Fairview Hiawatha Clinic

Approved – one year

Mayo Clinic Pharmacy - Mary Brigh (Rochester)

Michelle Magarity, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of automation in their pharmacy (specifically, seeking exemption from the rule that a pharmacist check the original labeled container from which medication is withdrawn)

Approved – one year (report any errors)

Omnicare - Minnesota (Crystal)

Lynne Schneider, PIC

Extension of variance that allows their pharmacy to accept returns from the following approved assisted-living facilities: Highland Rosewood Estates, Roseville Rosewood Estates, Lakeview Commons of Maplewood, Emerald Crest of Minnetonka, Emerald Crest of Burnsville, Epoch Assisted Living, Austin Retirement LCC, Bryant House, Friendship Village Homecare, Friendship Village Independent, Keystone Communities of Faribault, Keystone Communities of Eagan, Keystone Communities of Prior Lake, Oak Gardens, Sunrise Cottages of Rochester, Sunrise of Edina, Sunrise Snelling, Guardian Angels by the Lake, Pines Senior Care, and Wissota Springs

Approved – one year

Omnicare - Minnesota (Crystal)

Lynne Schneider, PIC

Extension of variance that allows their pharmacy to provide an emergency supply of medications to the Lake Owasso facility - E-kit

Approved – one year

Omnicare - Minnesota (Crystal)

Lynne Schneider, PIC

Extension of variance that allows their pharmacy to increase the number of single doses of certain controlled substance narcotic analgesics for use in emergency kits located in sub-acute or transitional care units at the following specified locations: Arbors at Ridges, Chippewa/Lakeside, Edina Care Center, Friendship Village HC, Galtier Health Center, Good Shepherd Care Center, Jones Harrison Residence, Lexington Health & Rehab Center, MN Masonic HCC, New Harmony Care Center, Northridge, Park Health & Rehab Center, Presbyterian of Minnetonka, Richfield Health Center, Sholom Home Center, Texas Terrace Care Center, Three Links Care Center, Trevilla of Golden Valley, Trevilla of New Brighton, and Westwood Health Care Center

Approved – one year

Omnicare - Minnesota (Crystal)

Lynne Schneider, PIC

Extension of variance that allows their pharmacy to provide an emergency kit to Phoenix Residence

Approved – one year

Omnicare - Minnesota (Crystal)

Lynne Schneider, PIC

Extension of variance that allows their pharmacy to accept returned medication from the St. Croix Jail

Approved – one year

Omnicare - Minnesota (Crystal)

Lynne Schneider, PIC

Extension of variance that allows their pharmacy to implement an automated medication management system in the sub-acute unit of the MN Masonic Healthcare Center

Approved – one year (list of drugs, frequency of overrides, how are returns done, how is it filled)

Omnicare - Minnesota (Crystal)

Lynne Schneider, PIC

Extension of variance that allows their pharmacy to provide emergency stock of medication to the following detoxification/treatment centers: Cedar Ridge, Hazeldon Center for Youth and Families, Meadow Creek, and Twin Town Treatment Center

Approved – one year

Omnicare - Minnesota (Crystal)

Lynne Schneider, PIC

Extension of variance that allows their pharmacy to automatically exchange emergency kits on a twice-weekly basis

Approved – one year

Omnicare - Minnesota (Crystal)

Lynne Schneider, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the nursing staff, employed by Omnicare-Minnesota, to assist pharmacists with monthly inventory of emergency kits at long-term care facilities

Approved – one year

St. Mary's Hospital Pharmacy (Rochester)

Kevin Dillon, PIC

Extension of variance that allows you to implement the Tech-Check-Tech program at St. Mary's Hospital following the guidelines developed by MSHP

Approved – one year (send technician documentation with next renewal)

St. Mary's Hospital Pharmacy (Rochester)

Kevin Dillon, PIC

Extension of variance that allows two pharmacy technicians to waste and witness excess controlled substances returned to the pharmacy from anesthesiology

Approved – one year

Snyder's Drug Store #5066 (Minnetonka)

Diane Cisewski, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the ScriptPro automated counting machine in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (pharmacist certification of loading or use dump out, address returns done by pharmacist)

Target Pharmacy T-861 (Buffalo)

Andrew Briggs, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of automated counting machines in the form of non-interfaced Baker cassettes in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (if returns, must do dump outs)

Target Pharmacy T-47 (Edina)

Mark Branum, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of an automated counting machine in your pharmacy

(specifically, seeking exemption from the Board's requirement that pharmacists check the manufacturer's original container from which medication is withdrawn during the certification process of prescription filling)

Approved – one year (if returns, must do dump outs)

Walgreen's Pharmacy #4394 (Bloomington)

Laura Wallander, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the Yuyama Vial Filling automated counting machine in the pharmacy

Approved – one year

Walgreen's Pharmacy #3832 (Brooklyn Park)

Chad Nellis, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the Yuyama Vial Filling automated counting machine in their pharmacy

Approved – one year

Walgreen's #04697 (Fridley)

Jeffrey Wilson, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of Baker APS System's automated counting cells in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (no returns, certification description)

Walgreen's Pharmacy #2038 (Minneapolis)

Allyson Reinsch, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of automated counting Baker cassettes distributed by Baker APS Systems in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (no returns, certification description)