Information for Discussion:

CVS/Pharmacy Central Pharmacy Services Lincoln, RI
Kristin Alves
CVS/Pharmacy Central Pharmacy Services' 2021 Q1 Error Report Reviewed

Hy-Vee Pharmacy Fulfillment Center (4016) Des Moines, IA
Jonathan Fransen
Hy-Vee Pharmacy Fulfillment Center's 2020 Q3, 2020 Q4, and 2021 Q1 Error Reports Reviewed
The Committee requests that the data be submitted in a format that is comparable to previous submissions and resubmit

Meeting Appointments:

10:00
CVS Pharmacies 132 Locations
John Long
to allow the pharmacy to utilize virtual verification of drugs during the certification process
Deferred to the Board for Discussion
The Committee recommends a denial due to the manner proposed by the licensee, as an alternative measure, not being equivalent or superior to the Rule in which the variance was requested (Board Members requested that CVS provide a list of the states that have approved the virtual verification process)

CVS Pharmacies 132 Locations
John Long
to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including verification, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification for new or refillable prescriptions by more than one pharmacist on site
Denied
Due to the virtual verification process being included in the policy and procedures
10:30
Methodist Hospital Pharmacy                      St. Louis Park
Kelly Becicka                                      200304-007

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

Approved - Until 09/15/2022
Conditions listed in the letter of 06/16/2021

Olivia Hospital & Clinic - Pharmacy                 Olivia
Rebecca Ledeboer Martinez                      266016-002

To allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Methodist Hospital for Olivia Hospital & Clinic when the hospital pharmacy is closed from normal business hours of operation

Approved - Until 09/15/2022
Conditions listed in the letter of 06/16/2021

11:00
Hy-Vee Pharmacy Fulfillment Center (4016)         Des Moines, IA
Jonathan Fransen                                264241-005

To allow no pharmacist to do a final product check at the central service pharmacy - revisions sent 8/21/20 to include ship to home prescriptions - revisions sent on 5/7/21 to revise Quality Monitoring Plan

Approved - One Year
On condition that you continue to send the quarterly error report separating out the errors discovered at the Minnesota pharmacies, the errors discovered while conducting the 5% pharmacist check on the ship to home prescriptions, that your Minnesota pharmacies continue to complete a 5% daily double check on prescriptions that they receive from your facility, and that you send Q3 2020, Q4 2020, & Q1 2021 error data for review

Hy-Vee Pharmacy Fulfillment Center (4016)         Des Moines, IA
Jonathan Fransen                                264241-005

To allow the originating retail pharmacy to provide the patient counseling on behalf of the Hy-Vee Pharmacy Fulfillment Center (4016) for prescriptions that are shipped directly from the Fulfillment Center to the patient’s home

Approved - One Year
On condition that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for board approval prior to implementation
Hy-Vee Pharmacies
Cole Davidson
37 Locations
to allow the pharmacist to certify prescriptions from the Iowa central fill pharmacy, as allowed via Board approved variance
**Approved - One Year**
**On condition** that you continue to submit the quarterly error report separating out the errors discovered at the Minnesota pharmacies and that your local pharmacy completes a 5% daily double check (quality assurance) to verify the prescriptions received from the Iowa fulfillment pharmacy are filled correctly

11:30
U of MN - College of Pharmacy
Andrew Traynor
Minneapolis
to allow first year pharmacy students, that are successfully enrolled in the Doctor of Pharmacy program, to be eligible to receive community pharmacy intern hour credit for experiences completed as part of the college's structured experiential education program
**Approved - for the 2021-2022 academic school year**
**On condition** that a list is provided to the board of the affected students, that the students do not engage in activities reserved to pharmacists or pharmacy interns such as certification, and that the variance is only used for experiential hours due to Covid-19 impediments. Furthermore, the College of Pharmacy must clearly communicate the expectation related to this variance to the preceptors

1:00
Phillips Neighborhood Clinic Dispensary (PNC)
Brian Sick
Minneapolis
to allow the pharmacist and interns to perform the duties of the practitioner for counseling and final certification of the prescriptions - revisions sent on 5/7/21 to include 1st year students that are registered pharmacy technicians with pharmacy experience to perform data entry and filling functions
**Approved - Two Years**
**On condition** that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for board approval prior to implementation

**Policy Reviews:**

Genoa Healthcare, LLC
Kenneth Ouren
St. Paul
264644-004
policy review of a SynMed XF automated counting machine
**Not Approved**
Due to the policies and procedures lacking completeness and details to meet MN Rule 6800.2600 and the related regulations. The board recommends working with surveyors
policy review of a Parata ATP2 (TCGRx) 320 automated counting machine

Not Approved
Due to the policies and procedures lacking completeness and details to meet MN Rule 6800.2600 and the related regulations. The board recommends working with surveyors.

Guardian Pharmacy Minnesota, LLC  Sauk Rapids  Jason Franke  263805-015
to allow an exemption from the Board's rule regarding central service label requirements
Approved - Three Years

Guardian Pharmacy of Minneapolis, LLC  Eden Prairie  Casey Halcrow  266310-001
to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including verification, profile review, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification for new or refillable prescriptions, by more than one pharmacist within your own facility, or between your pharmacy and Guardian Pharmacy Minnesota, LLC
Approved - One Year
On condition that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for board approval prior to implementation.

Guardian Pharmacy Minnesota, LLC  Sauk Rapids  Jason Franke  263805-010
to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including verification, profile review, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification for new or refillable prescriptions, by more than one pharmacist within your own facility - (revisions sent 3/22/21 to include pharmacists from Guardian Pharmacy of Minneapolis, LLC)
Approved - One Year
On condition that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for board approval prior to implementation.
Guardian Pharmacy Minnesota, LLC                      Sauk Rapids  
Jason Franke                        263805-014  
policy review of central services
Approved

Guardian Pharmacy of Minneapolis, LLC               Eden Prairie  
Casey Halcrow                     266310-002  
policy review of central services
Approved

Guardian Pharmacy Minnesota, LLC                     Sauk Rapids  
Jason Franke                        263805-009  
policy review of unique identifiers (QS1 and Docutrack) - revisions sent on 5/3/21
Approved

Guardian Pharmacy of Minneapolis, LLC               Eden Prairie  
Casey Halcrow                     266310-003  
policy review of unique identifiers
Approved

Hy-Vee Pharmacy 1440                                   New Prague  
James Mennen                                  Pending

Hy-Vee Pharmacy 1440                                   New Prague  
James Mennen                                  Pending

to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including verification, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification, for new or refillable prescriptions, by more than one pharmacist within your own facility or more than one pharmacist from any of the approved MN located Hy-Vee locations

Approved - Until 07/01/2022

On condition that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for board approval prior to implementation. The approval is based on existing variances and policy approvals for other Minnesota Hy-Vee locations that the pharmacy must follow

Hy-Vee Pharmacy 1440                                   New Prague  
James Mennen                                  Pending

to allow the pharmacist to certify prescriptions from the Iowa central fill pharmacy, as allowed via Board approved variance

Denied

The policies and procedures that were submitted did not have the current procedure for the 'Ship To Home' process. Both Iowa central fill pharmacy and New Prairie pharmacy will need to submit a variance form and related policy and procedures
Hy-Vee Pharmacy 1440
James Mennen
Pending
to allow an exemption from the Board's rule regarding central service label requirements

**Approved - Until 07/01/2022**

**On condition** that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for board approval prior to implementation. The approval is based on existing variances and policy approvals for other Minnesota Hy-Vee locations that the pharmacy must follow.

Hy-Vee Pharmacy 1440
James Mennen
Pending
policy review of central services between any approved Hy-Vee location

**Approved**

Hy-Vee Pharmacy 1440
James Mennen
Pending
policy review of unique identifiers of RDAC

**Approved**

PCA Iowa RX, LLC
Marco Bejarno
265918-001
policy review of a Medbank/Cubex automated drug distribution system for first dose and ekit

**Not Approved**
The policies and procedures do not adequately address: accountability documentation and retention for filling and certification of the cubies, access to drugs by LTCF Administrators, pharmacy’s review of override reports, training, DEA registration of Cubex, after-hour coverage to receive and review prescriptions prior to removal of drug, and the proposed drug list does not identify which drugs are 1st dose or emergency drugs or which drugs are on override.

Supervalu Pharmacies Specialty Services
Jill Wohl
265075-001
policy review of a ScriptPro automated dispensing device - revisions sent on 5/5/21

**Approved**

Supervalu Pharmacies Specialty Services
Jill Wohl
265075-002
policy review of central fill services for 70 Cub Pharmacy locations - revisions sent on 5/5/21

**Not Approved**
The revisions are not approved due to unique identifier for Symphony software not being approved. The original policies remain in effect.
Supervalu Pharmacies Specialty Services  Stillwater
Jill Wohl  265075-005
policy review of unique identifiers for ScriptPro automation  

Approved

Supervalu Pharmacies Specialty Services  Stillwater
Jill Wohl  265075-006
policy review of unique identifiers for Symphony Software  

Not Approved
The policies and procedures do not provide the detailed steps of the accountability for the portion of the dispensing process that the staff performs. Additionally, the auto log-off time is not defined within the policies

Cub Pharmacies  80 Locations
Courtney Cuppy
policy review of central fill services from SuperValu Pharmacies Specialty Services in Stillwater - revisions sent on 5/5/21  

Not Approved
The revisions are not approved due to unique identifier for Symphony software not being approved. The original policies remain in effect

New Variances:

Hy-Vee Pharmacy (1402)  Maplewood
Cole Davidson  Pending
to allow the pharmacist to certify prescriptions from the Iowa central fill pharmacy, as allowed via Board approved variance

Approved - One Year
On condition that you continue to submit the quarterly error report separating out the errors discovered at the Minnesota pharmacies and that your local pharmacy completes a 5% daily double check (quality assurance) to verify the prescriptions received from the Iowa fulfillment pharmacy are filled correctly

Hy-Vee Pharmacy (1643)  Spring Lake Park
Justin Manning  Pending
to allow the pharmacist to certify prescriptions from the Iowa central fill pharmacy, as allowed via Board approved variance

Approved - One Year
On condition that you continue to submit the quarterly error report separating out the errors discovered at the Minnesota pharmacies and that your local pharmacy completes a 5% daily double check (quality assurance) to verify the prescriptions received from the Iowa fulfillment pharmacy are filled correctly
LTC Pharmacy Services LLC                         Milwaukee, WI
Rebecca Kehoe                                    266220-001

to allow a greater number of permitted emergency medications in the e-kit with the use of Nexsys automation

Denied
The policies and procedures do not address the limited provisions found in MN Rule 6800.6700 Subp 2A and 3D. Furthermore, not all drugs on the proposed drug list are appropriate as immediate use or emergent use

LTC Pharmacy Services LLC                         Milwaukee, WI
Rebecca Kehoe                                    266220-002

policy review of Nexsys automation

Not Approved
The policies do not meet all elements of MN Rule 6800.2600

Option Care                                    Roseville
Alexandra Demello                                262204-002

to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including verification, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification, for new or refillable prescriptions, by more than one pharmacist on site

Denied
The submission does not adequately meet the elements of the guidance document and the related regulations. Furthermore, the pharmacy would need to obtain board approval of unique identifiers in addition to this variance request

Renewal Variances:

Bigfork Valley Pharmacy                         Big Falls
Heather Bibeau                                   263746-004

to allow clinic personnel that are performing pharmacy technician duties in a limited function telepharmacy to have the pharmacy technician training requirements waived

Approved - Two Years
On condition that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for board approval prior to implementation

Bigfork Valley Pharmacy                         Floodwood
Heather Bibeau                                   263744-002

to allow clinic personnel that are performing pharmacy technician duties in a limited function telepharmacy to have the pharmacy technician training requirements waived

Approved - Two Years
On condition that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for board approval prior to implementation
Bigfork Valley Pharmacy
Heather Bibeau
263745-002

to allow clinic personnel that are performing pharmacy technician duties in a limited function telepharmacy to have the pharmacy technician training requirements waived

**Approved - Two Years**

**On condition** that you follow your approved policies and procedures. Any changes in the policies and procedures would need to be highlighted and submitted for board approval prior to implementation.

GuidePoint Pharmacy #110
Chelsey Carlson
265087-004

to allow an exemption from the Board's rule regarding direct supervision of supportive personnel at the telepharmacies in Edgerton and Fulda

**Approved - One Year**

**Conditions listed in the letter of 06/16/2021**

GuidePoint Pharmacy #107
Michael Ahlers
265085-001

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

**Approved - One Year**

**Conditions listed in the letter of 06/16/2021**

GuidePoint Pharmacy #107
Michael Ahlers
265085-002

to allow an exemption from the Board's rule regarding direct supervision of supportive personnel

**Approved - One Year**

**Conditions listed in the letter of 06/16/2021**

GuidePoint Pharmacy #111
Chelsey Carlson
265088-002

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

**Approved - One Year**

**Conditions listed in the letter of 06/16/2021**

GuidePoint Pharmacy #111
Chelsey Carlson
265088-003

to allow an exemption from the Board's rule regarding direct supervision of supportive personnel

**Approved - One Year**

**Conditions listed in the letter of 06/16/2021**
to allow two certified pharmacy technicians to waste controlled substances, instead of two licensed individuals - revisions sent 4/29/21 to procedure policy

Denied
The revisions are denied, but the original variance remains in effect until 08/19/2021. The Committee recommends resubmitting the variance, prior to the expiration date, addressing the proposed revisions
Our Lady of Peace Home Pharmacy
Aaron Drake
200706-006
St. Paul

to allow an increase in the quantity of controlled substance medications in the emergency kit for hospice cancer patients - revisions sent on 4/2/21 to include 40 drugs (non-emergent and emergent drugs)

 Denied
The revisions are denied, but the original variance remains in effect until 7/24/2021. All drugs listed are not appropriate as an emergent/immediate drug and were lacking quantities. Furthermore, the Hospice facility needs to obtain a waiver from MDH to have an emergency kit. Resubmit your request with revised policies and procedures along with a copy of MDH waiver and MDH approved drug list

PharMerica
Blair Miller
261548-018
Fridley

to allow a greater number of permitted first dose and emergency medications in the RxNow utilized as an e-kit

Approved - Three Years
On the following conditions: 1. that the quantities do not exceed a 72 hour supply (usually reserved for non-traditional facilities); 2. any changes to the ekit content must be determined by the quality assurance and assessment committee or equivalent; and 3. any policy and/or ekit content changes are to be highlighted within the policies and submitted for board approval prior to implementation

R.P.H.S Direct PLLC
Elvis Osagie
266110-001
Fridley

to allow an exemption from the Board's rule regarding space

Approved - Two Years
On condition that the pharmacist has possession of the keys at all times, the business practice does not change, and no drugs are stored on site

Walgreen Pharmacies
Michelle Aytay
149 Locations

1. that the quantities do not exceed a 72 hour supply (usually reserved for non-traditional facilities); 2. any changes to the ekit content must be determined by the quality assurance and assessment committee or equivalent; and 3. any policy and/or ekit content changes are to be highlighted within the policies and submitted for board approval prior to implementation

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

Fairview Home Infusion           Minneapolis
Emma Huepfel                    262531-010

to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including verification, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification for new or refillable prescriptions, by more than one pharmacist, between your own facility and Fairview Home Infusion Duluth

Deferred to the Board

The Committee recommends a three year approval. Please note that this is a variance to MN Rule 6800.3100 and not a variance to 6800.4075

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Fairview Home Infusion Duluth    Duluth
Jacob Maderich                  265582-001

to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including verification, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification for new or refillable prescriptions, by more than one pharmacist, between your own facility and Fairview Home Infusion

Deferred to the Board

The Committee recommends a three year approval. Please note that this is a variance to MN Rule 6800.3100 and not a variance to 6800.4075

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Fairview Lakes Health Services Pharmacy          Wyoming
Mark Nelson                                   261510-016

to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including verification, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification, for new or refillable prescriptions, by more than one pharmacist, between your own facility and Fairview Northland Regional Hospital for their IV oncology orders when a second inpatient pharmacist is unavailable

Deferred to the Board

The Committee recommends a denial. A variance is not warranted for this additional safety measure/process. The request was not to replace a pharmacist located in their respective pharmacies from certification of the filled prescription. Understanding that this additional step is not to circumvent the pharmacist performing all the steps of certification

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Fairview Northland Regional Hospital Pharmacy   Princeton
Jared Parviz                               200450-017

to allow the separation of the prescription dispensing process including verification, drug utilization review (DUR) and/or certification, for new or refillable prescriptions, by more than one pharmacist, between your own facility and Fairview Lakes Health Services for their IV oncology orders when a second inpatient pharmacist is unavailable

Deferred to the Board

The Committee recommends a denial. A variance is not warranted for this additional safety measure/process. The request was not to replace a pharmacist located in their respective pharmacies from certification of the filled prescription. Understanding that this additional step is not to circumvent the pharmacist performing all the steps of certification
policy review of a Pyxis ES automated drug distribution system - revisions sent on 5/6/21

Deferred to the Board
The Committee recommends not approving due to several issues identified within policy, such as; training document retention, pharmacy staff involved with Pyxis ES not defined, compounded products in non-profiled automation, accountability of individuals picking and checking the automation's replenishment meds, clarity on monthly audits of controlled substances, and the MN Rule 6800.2600 Subp 3 J not being completely addressed. You need to include procedures/steps to meet the Rule and the board recommends working with surveyors.

Deferred to the Board
The Committee recommends a three year approval on condition that within 30 days, the Grand Itasca pharmacy send in revised policies to reflect what the variance is pertaining to which is having a pharmacy technician involved in the waste of controlled substances instead of 2 licensed individuals.

Deferred to the Board
The Committee recommends an indefinite approval on condition that the pharmacy does not engage in non-sterile compounding practice and only dispenses commercially available products and the

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