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Policy Statement on Transfer of Prescriptions

The Board of Pharmacy recognizes that transfer of prescriptions to another pharmacy is allowed by statute or rule. However, the specifics on the rule ARSD 20:51:23:01 need further clarification. The rule states, for the purpose of dispensing refills of prescriptions, a pharmacy may transfer prescription information to another pharmacy, subject to the following requirements:

- (1) The transfer is limited to the number or refills authorized on the original prescription;
- (2) The transfer is communicated directly between two licensed pharmacists; and
- (3) Both the original and the transferred prescriptions are kept for two years from the date of the last refill.

The Board approves transferring prescription with the following requirements:

- A pharmacy may transfer a prescription that is on hold and not filled as the intention of the rule is to not complicate or refuse filling a prescription.
- A pharmacy intern may transfer a prescription under the supervision of a pharmacist.
- The communication shall be communicated either verbally or by facsimile and documented accordingly. Any unclear information on a facsimile must be clarified verbally between the pharmacists or interns.
- The transferring pharmacist or intern must contact the pharmacy receiving the facsimile to obtain the receiving pharmacy and pharmacist information for required record keeping, per ARSD 20:51:23:02.

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