SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

Tuesday, July 10, 2018
8:00AM

AGENDA
Open Session 8:00AM

Rachael DeBarmore, R.Ph., President of the Oregon Board of Pharmacy has called a Special Meeting which will be held in Open Session. The Board will meet either in person or by telephone on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 8:00AM. We expect that this meeting will last approximately 10 minutes. The meeting will be held in Suite 150 of the Portland State Office Building located at 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, OR 97232.

General Administration
The purpose of this meeting is for the Board to discuss filing a Temporary Rule to correct an error that was made when filing OAR 855-041-1120 that was adopted by the Board June 8, 2017.

If you need special accommodations to attend or participate in this Board Meeting, please contact Loretta Glenn at: (971) 673-0001.
Prescription Refills

(1) Where refill authority is given other than by the original prescription, documentation that such refill authorization was given, the date of authorization, and name of the authorizing prescriber or the prescriber's agent must be recorded. This documentation must be readily retrievable. Prescriptions for controlled substances in Schedules III and IV are limited to five refills or six months from date of issue, whichever comes first.

(2) If the practitioner is not available and in the professional judgment of the pharmacist an emergency need for the refill of a prescription drug has been demonstrated, the pharmacist may dispense a sufficient quantity of the drug consistent with the dosage regimen, provided it is not a controlled substance, to last until a practitioner can be contacted for authorization, but not to exceed a 72-hour supply. The practitioner shall be promptly notified of the emergency refill.

(3) Each refilling of a prescription must be accurately documented, readily retrievable, and uniformly maintained for three years. This record must include;

(a) The identity of the responsible pharmacist;
(b) Name of the patient;
(c) Name of the medication;
(d) Date of refill; and
(e) Quantity dispensed.

(4) Refill quantities may be combined into a single filling if the prescription is not for a controlled substance or psychotherapeutic drug and the prescriber is notified of the change.

(5) A retail pharmacy may only dispense a prescription refill upon request of the patient or patient’s agent. A request specific to each prescription medication is required, unless the requested fill or refill is part of an auto-refill program and is a continuation of therapy.

(6) Auto-Refill Programs. A mail order or retail pharmacy, excluding cycle-fill for long term care, may use a program that automatically refills non-controlled prescription medications; that have existing refills available and are consistent with the patient’s current medication therapy only when the following conditions are met:

(a) A patient or patient’s agent must enroll each prescription medication in an auto-refill program before a pharmacy can include the prescription medication as part of the auto-refill program; and
(b) The prescription is not a controlled substance; and
(c) The pharmacy must discontinue auto-refill program enrollment when requested by the patient or patient’s agent; and
(d) Pick-up notification to a patient or patient’s agent may be generated upon completion of a prescription refill; and
(e) When an auto-refill prescription is returned to stock or when delivery is refused that prescription medication is removed from the auto-refill program for that patient.

(7) An automated reminder cannot be used to generate a prescription refill unless the patient or patient’s agent provides authorization for each individual prescription refill. The content of each reminder must include:

(a) Drug name and strength; and

(b) Date of last fill.

(8) Pick-up notification to a patient or patient’s agent may only be generated upon full completion of the prescription refill.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 689.205
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 689.505, 689.515 & 2013 OL Ch. 342