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To: Oregon Licensed Pharmacies and Pharmacists

Re: Implementation of Oregon Auto Refill Rules OAR 855-041-1120 (5) – (6) - **UPDATE**

In December of 2014 the Oregon Board of Pharmacy adopted rules relating to auto-refill programs. These rules were originally scheduled to be implemented on January 1, 2016. In October of 2015, the Board of Pharmacy voted to further extend the implementation date after receiving requests from several companies that were having difficulty meeting the implementation date.

During the recent short legislative session, a Legislator expressed concerns about the impact of the rules and asked the Board to further delay implementation of the rules and work with stakeholders to try to find a better solution to the problems associated with auto-refill programs.

At its April 7, 2016 meeting the Board will voted to delay implementation of its auto-refill rules to a date after March 2, 2017 (specific date tbd). As such, there will be no implementation or enforcement of the auto-refill rules on 7-1-2016.

**Update** – Over the past year, the Board has worked closely with a stakeholder group to revise the existing auto-refill rules. At the Board's April 8, 2017 meeting, the Board voted to send a revised proposed rule for auto-refill to a *Rulemaking Hearing on May 25, 2017 at 9:30AM*. Public comments will be accepted until 4:30, May 25, 2017. Please see the Board's [Laws and Rules page](#) for additional information and the proposed rule text.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause you and will communicate any additional changes as this rule continues to evolve.

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