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2 **Prescription Refills**

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

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

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

15 (a) The identity of the responsible pharmacist;

16 (b) Name of the patient;

17 (c) Name of the medication;

18 (d) Date of refill; and

19 (e) Quantity dispensed.

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

22 **(5) A retail pharmacy may only dispense a prescription refill upon request of the patient or**
23 **patient's agent. A request specific to each medication is required.**

24 **(6) Auto-Refill Programs. A retail pharmacy may only use a program that automatically**
25 **refills non-controlled prescriptions that have existing refills available and are consistent**
26 **with the patient's current medication therapy when the following conditions are met:**

27 **(a) Authorization for each prescription refill by a patient or patient's agent is received**
28 **before the pharmacy begins the filling process;**

29 **(b) The prescription is not a controlled substance; and**

30 **(c) The pharmacy must discontinue auto-refill program enrollment at the request of the**
31 **patient or patient's agent.**

32 **(7) A reminder cannot be used to generate a prescription refill unless the patient or**
33 **patient's agent provides authorization for each individual prescription refill. The content of**
34 **each reminder must include:**

35 **(a) Drug name and strength; and**

36 **(b) Date of last fill.**

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

39 Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.205

40 Stats. Implemented: ORS 689.505 & 689.515

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