

Alabama State Board of Pharmacy

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Pharmacy

RULE NO. & TITLE:

680-X-2-.08 Pharmacist Consultants Of Pharmaceutical Services.

INTENDED ACTION:

Amend Rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Alabama State Board of Pharmacy proposes to amend Rule No. 680-X-2-.08 Pharmacist Consultants Of Pharmaceutical Services. To align consultant requirements with renewal cycle.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Oppositions can be submitted to the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy office. Business hours are 8:00am - 4:00pm Monday through Friday. Please present your views in writing, fax or email. Public hearing will be held December 16, 2020 at 9:00am

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Comments concerning this change must be received by the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy no later than December 9, 2020

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An increasing number of pharmacists are serving as pharmacy consultants to, or serving as coordinators of pharmaceutical services solely directed in the area of consultation to health care professionals regarding medication/treatment regimens and not to include management consultation, in long term care facilities, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, domiciliaries, homes for the aged, governmental agencies and other places where a pharmacy permit is not held. The Alabama State Board of Pharmacy has the responsibility to maintain standards of professional conduct and to regulate professional practice. Due to the complexity of state and federal regulations pertaining to the provision of pharmaceutical care to the residents of long term care facilities and other facilities, and in the interest of protecting the public health of the citizens of Alabama residing in these facilities, and to insure the availability of qualified and competent consultant pharmacists, the Board of Pharmacy hereby promulgates the following rules and regulations:

(a) Requirements:

1. The Board of Pharmacy shall maintain a roster of all pharmacist consultants of pharmaceutical services, solely directed in the area of consultation to health care professionals regarding medication/treatment regimens and not to include management consultation. All persons serving as consultants shall be a pharmacist registered and licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy in Alabama.

2. Location with on-site pharmacy: Any pharmacist consultant to long term care facilities, nursing homes, domiciliaries, homes of the aged, government agencies, and any other pharmaceutical consultation practice shall register initially and biennially which shall expire on December 31 of even-numbered years in each instance such practice with the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy on forms provided by the Board.

3. Location without on-site pharmacy: Any pharmacist providing pharmaceutical consultation to, or coordinating pharmaceutical services, solely directed in the area of consultation to health care professionals regarding medication/treatment regimens and not to include management consultation, in long term care facilities, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, domiciliaries, homes for the aged, governmental agencies, and any other place where a pharmacy permit is not held shall register initially and biennially which shall expire on December 31 of even-numbered years in each instance such practice and place with the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy on forms provided by the Board.

~~4. All pharmacist consultants to long term care facilities, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, domiciliaries, homes of the aged, government agencies, and all other pharmaceutical consultants are required to successfully complete not less than twelve (12) live integrated hours to be approved by the Board not less than biennially in even-numbered years. The required consultant pharmacist hours may not be carried over from one year to another. Not less than one (1) integrated hours shall be approved for any consultant-recertification continuing education program. Programs approved for consultant-recertification shall cover clinical, administrative, or regulatory topics related to consultant-pharmacy.~~

~~5.~~ 4. After January 1, 1996, pharmacists who have not successfully completed an initial certification course for consultants, which has been approved by the Board, will not be registered or reregistered as consultants with the Board until they have completed said course. Pharmacists must have taken the initial consultant certification course and have successfully completed an examination with a passing score of 75. The initial certification course shall be a ten (10) hour approved course consisting of the following subject matters:

- (i) Regulations and laws, both state and federal, pertaining to services provided by consultant pharmacists.
- (ii) Policy and Procedures.
- (iii) Administrative Responsibilities.
- (iv) Professional Responsibilities.
- (v) Consultant Pharmacy Opportunities -History and Overview.
- (vi) Drug Regimen Review.
- (vii) Ethics in Consultant Pharmacy.
- (viii) Impact of Consultant Pharmacy on the Total Healthcare System.
- (ix) Drug Therapy/Disease State Monitoring.

5. All pharmacist consultants to long term care facilities, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, domiciliaries, homes of the aged, government agencies, and all other pharmaceutical consultants are required to successfully complete not less than six (6) live hours to be approved by the Board each renewal cycle.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-23-92.

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