

PHARMACY BOARD [657]

Notice of Termination

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy terminates the rule making initiated by its Notice of Intended Action published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on December 9, 2015, as ARC 2286C, proposing to amend Chapter 7, “Hospital Pharmacy Practice,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The Notice proposed to eliminate restrictions regarding the dispensing of prescription drugs to patients seen in a hospital emergency department when 24-hour pharmacy services are available within 15 miles of the hospital. The amendment specifically would have authorized the dispensing, to hospital emergency department patients, of appropriately packaged and labeled prescription drugs in quantities not exceeding a 72-hour supply except as specifically identified in subrule 7.12(3). The proposed amendment would have eliminated the requirement that drugs dispensed through the emergency department only be dispensed in prepackaged quantities, clarifying that the prescriber is responsible for ensuring the drug is appropriately packaged and labeled but not that the prescriber must complete the labeling, and adding that the quantity of the drug dispensed must be included on the dispensing label..

The Board is terminating the rule making commenced in ARC 2286C based on comments and suggestions received from members of the public and health care professionals. The Board has determined that more time is needed to study the suggestions and alternatives received relating to this proposed rulemaking and other closely related rules.