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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Administrative Rules Review Committee and the Administrative Rules Coordinator

FROM: Andrew Funk, Pharm D, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Administrative rules review

DATE: June 30, 2017

To the honorable members of the Administrative Rules Review Committee and the Administrative Rules Coordinator, please accept this memorandum as evidence of a review of the administrative rules of the Iowa Board of Pharmacy, as required in Iowa Code subsection 17A.7(2).

Over the last five years, the Board and its Rules Committee have spent considerable time on the review and revision of its administrative rules. The Board, its Rules Committee and staff consistently receive suggestions and comments from the board's licensees and registrants for possible amendments to rules and each suggestion is reviewed and considered. The following is an overview of the review and amendments made to the board's administrative rules.

*The following chapters have not had any changes made to rules in the previous five years and, upon a recent review, no changes are needed at this time:*

- Chapter 1, "Purpose and organization"
- Chapter 32, "Nonpayment of state debt"
- Chapter 33, "Military service and veteran reciprocity" (this chapter was newly adopted and became effective in January 2015)
- Chapter 40, "Tech-check-tech programs"

*The following chapters have had amendments made over the previous five years and, upon a recent review, no additional changes are needed at this time:*

- Chapter 2, "Pharmacist licenses" (amendments made on four occasions)
- Chapter 3, "Pharmacy technicians" (amendments made on four occasions)
- Chapter 4, "Pharmacist-interns" (amendments made on three occasions)
- Chapter 5, "Pharmacy support persons" (amendment made on one occasion)
- Chapter 6, "General pharmacy practice" (amendments made on eight occasions)

- Chapter 8, “Universal practice standards” (amendments made on 14 occasions)
- Chapter 12, “Precursor substances” (amendment on one occasion)
- Chapter 13, previously under the title “Sterile compounding” (amendments made on four occasions)
- Chapter 19, “Nonresident pharmacy practice” (amendments made on three occasions)
- Chapter 22, “Unit dose, alternative packaging, and emergency boxes” (amendments made on five occasions)
- Chapter 23, “Long-Term care pharmacy practice” (amendments made on five occasions)
- Chapter 30, “Impaired pharmacy professional and technician recovery program” (amendments on two occasions)
- Chapter 37, “Iowa prescription monitoring program” (amendment made on one occasion)

*The following chapters have had amendments made over the previous five years and, upon a recent review, additional changes have been identified and are moving through the rulemaking process:*

- Chapter 7, “Hospital pharmacy practice” (amendments made on eight occasions)
- Chapter 9, “Automated medication distribution system and telepharmacy services” (amendment made on one occasion)
- Chapter 10, “Controlled substances” (amendments made on 10 occasions)
- Chapter 11, “Drugs in emergency medical service programs” (amendments made on two occasions)
- Chapter 15, “Correctional pharmacy practice” (amendments made on two occasions)
- Chapter 16, “Nuclear pharmacy practice” (amendment made on one occasion)
- Chapter 17, “Wholesale drug licenses” (amendments made on two occasions)
- Chapter 18, “Centralized prescription filling and processing” (amendment made on one occasion)
- Chapter 20, “Compounding” (amendments made on five occasions)
- Chapter 21, “Electronic data in pharmacy practice” (amendment made on one occasion)
- Chapter 24, “Pharmacy internet sites” (amendment made on one occasion and current rulemaking is proposing to rescind the chapter)
- Chapter 36, “Discipline” (amendment made on one occasion)

*The following chapters have had not had any amendments over the previous five years but, upon a recent review, amendments have been identified and are moving through the rulemaking process:*

- Chapter 14, “Public information and inspection of records”
- Chapter 25, “Child support noncompliance”
- Chapter 26, “Petitions for rule making”
- Chapter 27, “Declaratory orders”
- Chapter 28, “Agency procedure for rule making”
- Chapter 29, “Sales of goods and services”
- Chapter 31, “Student loan default or noncompliance with agreement for payment of obligation”
- Chapter 34, “Rules for waivers and variances”
- Chapter 35, “Contested cases”
- Chapter 100, “Iowa real-time electronic pseudoephedrine tracking system” (amendment made on one occasion)

The board makes every effort to understand and be aware of the current practice of pharmacy, as most are currently practicing pharmacists in their respective communities, and amend rules as necessary to establish the minimum standard to protect the health and safety of Iowans. The board also monitors the regulatory actions of other agencies, such as the federal Food and Drug Administration and Drug Enforcement Administration, and amends rules as necessary to maintain consistency with federal laws and regulations.

Additional detailed information can be provided to the ARRC or the ARC, if desired, regarding any of the information provided in this memorandum.

Thank you for your time and service to Iowa.