

PHARMACY BOARD [657]

Adopted and Filed

The Board of Pharmacy hereby amends Chapter 4, “Pharmacist-Interns,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 147.76 and 155A.6.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 155A.6.

Purpose and Summary

The amendment clarifies that a pharmacist, when supervising a pharmacist-intern for the purpose of internship, shall supervise no more than two pharmacist-interns concurrently.

Public Comment and Changes to Rule Making

Notice of Intended Action for this rule making was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 24, 2018, as **ARC 4091C**.

The Board received comments from the Iowa Pharmacy Association as well as members of the Administrative Rules Review Committee, who both expressed the same concerns of potential misuse of pharmacist-interns if there was no limit on the number of pharmacist-interns under pharmacist supervision. In response to the concerns, the Board changed the amendment to retain the limit of supervising no more than two pharmacist-interns with language to clarify that the limit relates to when the pharmacist-intern is engaged in the activities of a pharmacist-intern for the purpose of internship.

Adoption of Rule Making

This rule making was adopted by the Board on January 9, 2018.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the state of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rule making will become effective on _____, 2019.

The following rule-making action is adopted:

Amend rule 657—4.9(155A) as follows:

657—4.9(155A) Preceptor requirements.

4.9(1) and 4.9(2) No change.

4.9(3) *Number of interns.* ~~A~~ For the purpose of internship, a preceptor may supervise no more than two pharmacist-interns concurrently.

4.9(4) *Responsibility.* A preceptor shall be responsible for all functions performed by a pharmacist-intern.