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EMAIL	SUBMIT DATE	Name or number of rule(s):		
mboard@msbml.ms.gov	9/28/18	Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing 1.10		

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: Rule 1.10 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding the controlled substance prescription guidelines.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: 73-43-11

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: Part 2640: Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing, Rule 1.10

ORAL PROCEEDING:

☐ An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

☐ Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

☐ Economic impact statement not required for this rule. ☐ Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
_____ Original filing	**Action proposed:**	**Date Proposed Rule Filed: 06/13/2018**
_____ Renewal of effectiveness	_____ New rule(s)	**Action taken:**
To be in effect in _____ days	_____ Amendment to existing rule(s)	X Adopted with no changes in text
Effective date:	_____ Repeal of existing rule(s)	_____ Adopted with changes
_____ Immediately upon filing	_____ Adoption by reference	_____ Adopted by reference
_____ Other (specify): _____	**Proposed final effective date:**	_____ Withdrawn
	_____ 30 days after filing	_____ Repeal adopted as proposed
	_____ Other (specify): _____	**Effective date:**
		X 30 days after filing
		_____ Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Mike Lucius, Deputy Director

Signature of person authorized to file rules: _____

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Part 2640: Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing

Part 2640 Chapter 1: Rules Pertaining to Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing of Medication

Rule 1.10 Prescription Guidelines–Controlled Substances. It is the responsibility of the licensee to determine the type, dosage, form, frequency of application and number of refills of any controlled substances prescribed to a patient. The following requirements apply to all prescriptions for controlled substances written by a licensee with controlled substance prescriptive authority:

A. All prescriptions for controlled substances must be written in strict compliance with Mississippi Code, Sections 41-29-101 through 41-29-311 and Title 21 of U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1306.
B. On all prescriptions of controlled substances wherein refills are permitted, licensees must indicate the appropriate refills, not to exceed five (5), or mark "none."
C. Each licensee must insure that the complete name and address of the patient to whom the licensee is prescribing the controlled substance appears on the prescription.
D. A licensee must not permit any prescription for controlled substances to be signed by anyone in the place of or on behalf of the licensee.
E. A licensee must not pre-sign prescription pads or order forms.
F. A licensee must not utilize prescription pads or order forms upon which the signature of the licensee has been affixed by any means other than manual signature. This prohibition includes the e-mailing of any controlled substance prescription. A hard copy prescription generated from an electronic prescription system must contain a manual signature unless: (i) the prescription is printed on security paper that ensures it is not subject to copying or alteration, and (ii) an electronic or digital signature is affixed. Electronic transmission of Schedule III-V controlled substance prescription information is limited to computer to facsimile (fax) transmissions or traditional fax to fax transmissions. Electronic transmission of Schedule II controlled substance prescription information is permitted under limited circumstances. Requirements for fax prescription orders and systems utilized for faxing prescriptions are as follows:
    1. The prescription order must contain the date, time, telephone number and location of the transmitting device. Prescription blanks utilized in this manner must bear a pre-printed heading that indicates the blank is a "Fax Prescription Form." Fax prescription orders must contain a manual or authenticated electronic/digital signature of the prescriber. Only Schedule II narcotic substances that are to be prepared or compounded for the direct administration to a patient by parenteral, intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous or intra spinal infusion may be transmitted by the licensee or the licensee's agent to a pharmacy of the patient's choice by facsimile. All original hardcopy faxed prescriptions must immediately be voided after successfully completing the fax transmission by writing across the face of the prescription from corner to corner the notation "faxed." The original prescription (or copy) must be retained in the licensee's patient file with additional information included on the back of the prescription as to the date it was faxed, the name or initials of the person faxing the prescription and the name/location of the pharmacy receiving the fax transmission.

In addition to filing the original prescription (or copy) in the patient file, a perpetual, chronological logbook of fax transactions must be established and maintained. Such a logbook would serve to protect the prescribing licensee in the event the original prescription is somehow lost or misfiled. The information contained in such a logbook must include the patient's name and address, date of issuance, name, strength and quantity of the drug prescribed and the name and fax number of the receiving pharmacy and a personal identifier of the person faxing the prescription. Such logs must be maintained in the licensee's clinic in a readily retrievable manner, and kept for at least seven (7) years after the original record is established. The requirements set forth in this rule are in addition to documentation required in Part 2640, Rule 1.4.

2. When prescribing any controlled substance for a resident of a Long-term Care Facility (LTCF)(as defined in Section 1301.01(25), Code of Federal Regulations), such prescription may be transmitted by the licensee or the licensee's agent to the dispensing pharmacy by facsimile. The licensee or the licensee's agent must note on the prescription that the patient is a resident of a LTCF. The original prescription (or copy) and fax transaction log will be prepared and maintained in the same manner as described in Part 2640, Rule 1.10.F.1.
3. When prescribing any controlled substance for a patient residing in a hospice certified by Medicare under Title XVIII or licensed by the state, such prescription may be transmitted by the licensee or the licensee's agent to the dispensing pharmacy by facsimile. The licensee or the licensee's agent must note on the prescription that the patient is a hospice patient. The original prescription (or copy) and fax transmission log will be maintained in the same manner as described in Part 2640, Rule 1.10.F.1.

G. No more than one (1) controlled substance shall be issued on a single prescription blank.
H. Prescriptions for Benzodiazepines must be limited to a one (1) month supply, with no more than two (2) refills, or a ninety (90) day supply with no refills. The MPMP must be checked each time a prescription for benzodiazepines is authorized and evidence of such check must be noted within the patient file.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Occupational Licensing Review Commission to issue a resolution regarding the approval or denial of specific rules submitted for its review:

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW COMMISSION, that the following rules shall be known to have been approved by the Commission at a duly called meeting of its members on September 10, 2018, and may now be filed as final with the Secretary of State's Office for the inclusion in the Mississippi Administrative Code:

- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.1; Rule 1.1 is being updated to clarify which licensees the rule will affect.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure, *as amended* – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.2; Rule 1.2 is being updated to clarify and define terms used throughout Chapter 1. *Approved as amended to fix a clerical error in Rule 1.2 I. and to add the words 'any licensee' to Rule 1.2 M.*
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.3; Rule 1.3 is being modified to require registration by licensees to the Prescription Monitoring Program and requirements for review of the PMP reports.

- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure, *as amended* – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.4; Rule 1.4 is being modified to require licensees to maintain a records and inventories log and the requirements associated with the logs. *Approved as amended to add a reference to the telemedicine Rule 5.5.*
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.5; Rule 1.5 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding the use of diet medication.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure, *as amended* – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.6; Rule 1.6 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding bariatric medicine, medical weight loss and weight management practices. *Approved as amended to include 'medical director' as a title for the licensed physician associated with a bariatric medicine, medical weight loss, or weight management practice.*
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.7; Rule 1.7 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding the use of controlled substances for chronic pain.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.8; Rule 1.8 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding drug maintenance requirements.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.9; Rule 1.9 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding the labeling requirements for dispensing physicians.

- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.10; Rule 1.10 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding the controlled substances prescription guidelines.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure, *as amended* – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.11; Rule 1.11 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding the all medications prescription guidelines. *Approved as amended to add a reference to the telemedicine Rule 5.5 to Rule 1.11A.2.*
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.12; Rule 1.12 is being modified to include licensees instead of only physicians in the Freedom of Choice rule.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.13; Rule 1.13 is being deleted and replaced with Rule 1.14.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.14; Rule 1.15 is now Rule 1.14. The rule is being updated to reflect changes in the operation of pain management medical practices.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.15; Rule 1.16 is now Rule 1.15. The rule is being updated with cosmetic changes only.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure, *as amended* – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.16; Rule 1.17 is now Rule 1.16. The rule is being updated with cosmetic changes only. *Approved as amended to change the effective date.*