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Policy Statement on Repackaging Patient's Own Medications

The Board of Pharmacy recognizes that "repackaging" of prescriptions drugs dispensed by another pharmacy is not allowed by statute or rule. However, there are situations where repackaging medications into properly labeled unit dose packages or in compliance packaging is in the best interest of the welfare and safety of the patient. Several states have passed laws mandating this practice. The SD Board supports the efforts of pharmacists who are willing to provide this service to patients when appropriate. Sound policies and procedures must be implemented to ensure patient safety and accountability for the medications. The repackaging pharmacy and the pharmacy that initially dispensed the drug shall only be liable for its own actions.

The Board approves repackaging with the following requirements:

- A pharmacy may repackage a drug previously dispensed to the patient pursuant to a prescription. This may be done only upon the request of the patient or the patient's representative and may be used for patients in nursing facilities, group homes, assisted living, etc. in order to comply with unit dose packaging requirements of the facility. This may also be done for patients who require medication assistance for compliance purposes.
- A pharmacy providing repackaging services shall have in place policies and procedures for repackaging these drugs.
- The repackaged medication shall be appropriately labeled.
- Patient's medications stored in the pharmacy prior to repackaging and delivery shall be stored separately from other inventories. Accurate records of receipt and distribution must be maintained.

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