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WHAT: Board Policy Statement # 24-09-12

WHY: POLICY STATEMENT ON TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Introduction/Information

The Board recognizes the important role of pharmacy technicians in the delivery of pharmacy services. Currently, individuals working as pharmacy technicians must obtain national certification within two years of registration with the Board as stated in ARSD 20:51:29:06. The Board also recognizes that the national certification requirement may hinder those currently serving as pharmacy technicians from continuing their roles and may discourage those not nationally certified from seeking opportunities as a pharmacy technician. The Board expects technician competency to be maintained and comply with all other aspects of ARSD Chapter 20:51:29.

Guidelines

Registration: Current requirements for registration will be maintained. Any person functioning in the role of a pharmacy technician must meet the registration requirements outlined in ARSD 20:51:29:02.

National Certification: Pharmacy technicians are encouraged by the Board of Pharmacy to obtain national certification, but it is not required unless the technician is participating in a role outlined below:

Pharmacy technician certification is required in the following circumstances:

- A Technician providing immunizations - as outlined in ARSD 20:51:28:02.02
- A Technician working in a Remote Pharmacy - as outlined in ARSD 20:51:30:12
- Other advanced functions as approved per the Board.

BOARD APPROVAL/ADOPTION: September 12, 2024