CHAPTER 61-02-06
COMPUTER PHARMACY REGULATIONS

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61-02-06-01. Input of drug information into electronic data processing equipment to be by pharmacist or under the supervision of a pharmacist.

When electronic data processing equipment is employed by a pharmacy, input of drug information shall be performed only by a pharmacist or under the immediate and personal supervision of a pharmacist. If orders are entered by other personnel, the pharmacist must certify the accuracy of the information entered and verify the prescription order prior to the dispensing of the medication. The identity of the pharmacist must be retained in the record.

History: Effective August 1, 1983.
General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 43-15-10(9)(12)(14)
Law Implemented: NDCC 28-32-02, 43-15-10(9)(12)(14)

61-02-06-02. Requirements for storage and retrieval of prescription information.

Electronic data processing equipment or media, when used to store or process prescription information, shall meet the following requirements:

1. Must guarantee the confidentiality of the information contained in the database. Must require that the transmission of electronic prescriptions from prescriber to pharmacist not be compromised by interventions, control, or manipulation of said prescriptions by any other party.

2. An electronic system must provide online retrieval via computer screen or hard-copy printout of original prescription order information for those prescription orders which are currently authorized for refilling. If more refills are authorized, it must be noted on the computer screen or on the hard copy of the prescription or a new prescription must be produced.

3. Must produce a hard-copy daily summary of controlled substance transactions. Monthly summaries must be produced and filed with the biennial inventory.

4. Be capable of recording and carrying in the record all dates of refills of any prescription and the initials of the pharmacist.

5. Be capable of producing a patient profile indicating all drugs being taken and the date of refills of these prescriptions, as required by North Dakota Century Code section 43-15-31.1.

6. Be capable of reconstructing information, by daily backups in the event of a computer malfunction or accident resulting in destruction of the database.

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61-02-06-03. Original prescription shall be retained on file.

In all cases where electronic data processing equipment is used, the original prescription (hard copy or saved in an unalterable electronic data filing system that has been approved by the board) shall be retained on file according to law to assure access to the information contained on the prescription in the event of a computer malfunction.

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Law Implemented: NDCC 43-15-10(9)(12)(14)

61-02-06-04. Written policy and procedures.

Written policy and procedures must be available electronically or in hard copy format, detailing responsibilities of each pharmacist relative to the operation of the computer and its records.

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General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 43-15-10(9)(12)(14)
Law Implemented: NDCC 43-15-10(9)(12)(14)