

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF PHARMACY
125 Holmes Street
Frankfort KY 40601**

**Special Called Emergency Telephonic Board Meeting
March 16, 2020
2:00 p.m.**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Modifications to existing pharmacy laws in light of COVID-19:
 - a) Limitations on in person pharmacy contact. Pharmacies will strongly be encouraged to limit patient access to drive through only or curbside service to facilitate social distancing. Pharmacies would be required to notify the Board upon limitation of in store patient contact.
 - b) Alternative would be to give patients timeslots to pick up medications over next month and mailing prescriptions to the pharmacy in advance of filling.
 - c) Implementation of PPE at pharmacies
 - d) Allow pharmacist to work remotely where job allows (Ex. Mail in pharmacies) – however technicians must still be supervised by a pharmacist. Pharmacist must notify the Board upon working remotely.
 - e) Waive the delinquent fee for late renewals for pharmacy technicians beginning April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
 - f) Renewal of State of Emergency and Executive Order
 - g) Expedite the registration of pharmacy technicians
 - h) Multiple store closures due to staffing shortages
- III. COVID-19 Testing – see attached document
- IV. Adjournment

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KENTUCKY BOARD OF PHARMACY

held at

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BOARD MEETING

March 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER A special called emergency telephonic meeting at the request of the Governor's office to discuss modifications of pharmacy law due to the COVID-19 state of emergency was held at the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy, Frankfort, Kentucky. President Poole called the meeting to order on March 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Members present via telephonic conference call: John Fuller, Ron Poole, Peter P. Cohron, Jill Rhodes and Craig Martin.

Staff: Larry Hadley, Executive Director; Anthony Gray, General Counsel and Darla Sayre, Executive Staff Advisor. Katie Busroe, Pharmacy Inspections and Investigations Supervisor was present via telephonic conference call.

Larry Hadley opened the meeting with a brief overview of the steps taken by the Board and thanked everyone for their willingness to attend this meeting on short notice. The Board has cancelled all meetings scheduled in March. Office staff continues to work in obtaining a method for teleconferencing for the next Board meeting.

Anthony Gray explained that this meeting was at the request of the Governor to provide recommendations to be implemented by Executive Order to provide pharmacy services during the state of emergency.

After much discussion, the following items were approved:

- 1. Limitations on in person pharmacy contact.** *'Pharmacies should develop plans to limit in person pharmacy contact. Pharmacies are encouraged to limit patient access to drive-thru or curbside services only to facilitate social distancing.'*
- 2. Payer Contract.** Peter P. Cohron moved to accept the wording below, Jill Rhodes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
'During the State of Emergency, no payer contract may prohibit any method of delivery of prescriptions to patient.'
- 3. Remote order entry.** Peter P. Cohron moved to accept the wording below, John Fuller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
'Prescription order entry, DUR, payer adjudication, and patient counseling may be performed remotely by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician, providing the pharmacy computer system allows and required pharmacist oversight is maintained either in-person or via electronic methods. Confidentiality must be maintained at the remote site.'

4. **Delinquent pharmacy technician fee.** Peter P. Cohron moved to waive delinquent pharmacy technician fees beginning April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, John Fuller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
5. **COVID-19 Testing.** *'Pharmacists are willing to assist with COVID-19 testing when readily available.'*

Katie Busroe gave an update regarding inspection staff. Due to the Governor's directive regarding in state travel, the inspection staff have been advised to work from home. Inspections and investigations will be conducted by email or phone.

Jill Rhodes requested guidance on a recent request by a prescriber self-treating for COVID-19. Mr. Hadley will pass that information to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.

ADJOURNMENT On motion by Peter Cohron, seconded by Craig Martin and passed unanimously, President Poole adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Larry A. Hadley
Executive Director