



ANDY BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State  
Frankfort  
Kentucky

2026-050  
January 23, 2026

**STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO  
THE DISPENSING OF PHARMACEUTICALS**

Beginning on January 24, 2026, and continuing, a severe winter storm containing heavy snow with significant accumulations, freezing rain, ice, sleet, and arctic temperatures will impact the Commonwealth, creating dangerous travel and road conditions, and damage to public infrastructure, utility distribution systems, and private properties.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and by Chapter 39A of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, declared by Executive Order 2026-047 on January 23, 2026, that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

These dangerous conditions will prevent some Kentuckians from accessing medication, endangering public health and safety. State and local governments share responsibility for protection of public health, safety, and security and for taking appropriate actions to ensure the provision of essential public services.

Under such circumstances, I am empowered by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and KRS Chapter 315 to implement certain provisions of the law aimed toward further protecting the health and welfare of Kentucky Citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Andy Beshear, by virtue of authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution of Kentucky and by KRS Chapter 315, do hereby implement the provisions of KRS 315.500, *et seq.*, as to the emergency authority for pharmacists, and do hereby Order and Direct that, in accordance with provisions of KRS 315.500 and 201 KAR 2:330:

1. Pharmacists located in any county in the Commonwealth of Kentucky may dispense emergency refills of up to a thirty (30) day supply of any non-controlled medication for residents of any county of the Commonwealth.
2. Pharmacists in counties affected by the emergency may operate temporarily a pharmacy in an area not designated on the pharmacy permit.



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3. The provisions of this Order shall expire on February 23, but shall be subject to renewal thereafter, subject to applicable law, if necessary to protect the lives, property, or welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

This Order shall be effective January 23, 2026.

  
ANDY BESHEAR, Governor  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

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MICHAEL G. ADAMS  
Secretary of State