

CHAPTER 7

COMPUTER REGULATIONS

Section 1. Authority.

~~These regulations are promulgated as authorized by the Act.~~

Section 2. Definitions.

- (a) ~~"AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM" means a system utilizing computer software and hardware for the purposes of recordkeeping.~~
- (b) ~~"C R T" means a Cathode ray tube used to impose visual information on a screen.~~
- (c) ~~"COMPUTER" means a programmable electronic device capable of multifunctions including, but not limited to storage, retrieval and processing of information.~~
- (d) ~~"DOWNTIME" means a period of time when a computer is not operable.~~
- (e) ~~"HARDWARE" means the fixed component parts of a computer.~~
- (f) ~~"PRINTOUT" means a hard copy produced by computer that is readable without the aid of any special device.~~
- (g) ~~"REGULATORY AGENCY" means any federal or state agency charged with enforcement of pharmacy or drug laws and regulations.~~
- (h) ~~"SOFTWARE" means programs, procedures and storage of required information data.~~

Section 3. Automated Data Processing Systems.

- (a) ~~Nothing in these regulations shall preclude the requirements of W.S. 33-24-136.~~
- (b) ~~As an alternative, an automated data processing system may be employed for the recordkeeping system, if the following conditions have been met:~~
 - (i) ~~The system shall have the capability of producing sight readable documents of all original and refilled prescription information. The term sight readable means that an authorized representative of the Board shall be able to examine the record and read the information. During the course of an on-site inspection, the record may be read from the CRT, microfiche, microfilm, printout or other method acceptable to the Board. In the case of~~

~~administrative proceedings before the Board, records must be provided in a paper printout form.~~

~~(ii) Such information shall include, but not be limited to the prescription requirements and records of dispensing as indicated in the Act and State or Federal regulations.~~

~~(iii) The individual pharmacist responsible for completeness and accuracy of the entries to system must provide documentation of the fact that prescription information entered into the computer is correct. In documenting this information, the pharmacy shall:~~

~~(A) Maintain a bound log book or separate file in which each pharmacist involved in dispensing shall sign a statement each day, attesting to the fact that the prescription information entered into the computer that day has been reviewed and is correct as shown. Such a book or file must be maintained at the pharmacy employing such a system for a period of two years after the date of last dispensing; or~~

~~(B) Provide a printout of each day's prescription information. That printout shall be signed and dated by the individual pharmacist verifying that the information indicated is correct. The printout shall be maintained two years from the date of last dispensing; and~~

~~(C) Shall make the information available within 72 hours of the date of dispensing.~~

~~(iv) When an inoperative automated data processing system becomes operative, the information regarding prescriptions filled and refilled during the inoperative period shall be entered into the automated data processing system within 96 hours. However, nothing in this section shall preclude the pharmacist from using professional judgement for the benefit of a patient's health and safety.~~

~~(v) Any pharmacy using an automated data processing system shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.~~

~~(vi) A pharmacy shall make arrangements with the supplier of data processing services or materials to assure that the pharmacy continues to have adequate and complete prescription and dispensing records, if the relationship with such supplier terminates for any reason. A pharmacy shall assure continuity in the maintenance of records.~~

~~Section 4. Security.~~

~~To maintain the confidentiality of patient's prescriptions there must exist adequate safeguards and security of the records.~~