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These regulations are promulgated as authorized by the Act.

Section 2. Code of Ethics.

(a) A pharmacist has the duty to observe the law, uphold the dignity and honor of the profession and to accept its ethical principles.

(b) A pharmacist shall hold the health and safety of patients to be of first consideration.

(c) A pharmacist shall not condone the dispensing, promoting or distributing of drugs or medical devices which do not meet standards required by law or which lack therapeutic value for the patient.

(d) A pharmacist shall strive to improve and enlarge professional knowledge and shall utilize that knowledge in accordance with professional judgment.

(e) It shall be considered unprofessional conduct for a pharmacist to deliver a prescription drug without having a valid drug order as described in chapter 2 from a practitioner authorized by law to prescribe.

(f) Pharmacists shall not participate in transactions with any person under which fees are divided or may cause financial or other exploitation in connection with the rendering of professional services.

(g) A pharmacist shall respect the confidential and personal nature of patient records and shall not disclose the information without proper patient authorization except when required by law. In an emergency medical situation, the patient's records may be released to another pharmacist or other medical personnel involved in treating the patient.

(h) A pharmacist shall not provide practitioners with pre-printed prescription blanks bearing the pharmacy or pharmacist name or address.

(i) Any behavior by a pharmacist toward a patient, another licensee, or an employee of a pharmacy that exploits the position of trust, knowledge, emotions or influence of the licensee or any behavior by a pharmacist which involves offers to exchange pharmacy services for some form of sexual gratification shall be considered unprofessional conduct