

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 13, “Telepharmacy Practice,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment was approved at the November 1, 2017, regular meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

This proposed amendment would allow a telepharmacy to utilize the services of a delivery driver when that individual is registered as a pharmacy support person. The proposed amendment would only authorize the individual to engage in delivery activities and not in the entirety of other nontechnical functions for which a pharmacy support person is authorized.

Any interested person may present written comments, data, views, and arguments on the proposed amendment not later than 4:30 p.m. on January 19, 2018. Such written materials may be sent to Terry Witkowski, Executive Officer, Iowa Board of Pharmacy, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite E, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4688; or by email at terry.witkowski@iowa.gov.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of Board rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 155A.6B and 155A.13.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 13.8(7) as follows:

13.8(7) Prohibited activities. In the physical absence of a pharmacist, the following activities are prohibited:

a. Practice of pharmacist-interns or pharmacy support persons at the telepharmacy site, except that a pharmacy support person may deliver prescriptions to patients outside the telepharmacy site but may not engage in prescription delivery or any other activities at the telepharmacy site.

b. to f. No change.