

**PHARMACY BOARD[657]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 155A.13, the Board of Pharmacy hereby amends Chapter 7, "Hospital Pharmacy Practice," Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment authorizes the use of the InstyMeds drug dispensing system in a hospital emergency department subject to the conditions and requirements specified in this rule. The system may not be utilized if the hospital is located within 15 miles of a pharmacy that provides 24-hour outpatient pharmacy services, and, except for antimicrobials, dispensing quantities shall not exceed a 72-hour supply of the prescribed drug. New subrule 7.12(6) addresses requirements for patient counseling, patient freedom of choice of pharmacy services, patient identification, prescription labeling, policies and procedures, equipment placement and security, and retrospective review of drugs dispensed utilizing the InstyMeds system.

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

Notice of Intended Action was published in the October 8, 2008, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 7228B**. The Board received written comments from one Iowa hospital regarding the proposed amendment. The comments questioned the Board's decision to prohibit use of the InstyMeds system by a hospital located in an area where 24-hour outpatient services are available within 15 miles of the hospital. The Board feels that this is a patient care and safety issue because a pharmacist is not directly involved in the dispensing of a prescription drug utilizing the InstyMeds system. The adopted amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

The amendment was approved during the November 19, 2008, meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

This amendment will become effective on January 21, 2009.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.13, subsection 4.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of this amendment [7.12] is being omitted. This amendment is identical to that published under Notice as **ARC 7228B**, IAB 10/8/08.

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