

CHAPTER 100
IOWA REAL-TIME ELECTRONIC PSEUDOEPHEDRINE
TRACKING SYSTEM

657—100.1(124) Purpose and scope. Iowa Code section 124.212B directs the governor's office of drug control policy to establish a real-time electronic repository to monitor and control the sale of Schedule V products that are not listed in another controlled substance schedule and that contain any detectible amount of pseudoephedrine, its salts, or optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers; ephedrine; or phenylpropanolamine. All pharmacies dispensing such products without a prescription shall electronically report all such sales to the repository. The real-time electronic repository shall be under the control of and administered by the governor's office of drug control policy. Both the governor's office of drug control policy and the board of pharmacy are directed to adopt rules relating to the real-time electronic repository and have jointly adopted these rules. These rules establish the pseudoephedrine tracking system (PTS).

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657—100.2(124) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

"Attempted purchase" means a proposed transaction for the dispensing of a product that is entered by a dispenser into the electronic pseudoephedrine tracking system, which transaction is not completed because the system recommends that the transaction be denied pursuant to the quantity limits established in Iowa Code section 124.213.

"Board" means the board of pharmacy.

"Dispenser" means a licensed Iowa pharmacist, a registered pharmacist-intern under the direct supervision of a pharmacist preceptor, or a registered pharmacy technician under the direct supervision of a pharmacist, except as authorized in 657—Chapter 13.

"Law enforcement officer" means all of the following:

1. State police officer.
2. City or county police officer.
3. Sheriff or deputy sheriff.
4. State or public university safety and security officer.
5. Department of natural resources officer.
6. Certified or full-time peace officer of this or another state.
7. Federal peace officer.
8. Criminal analyst assigned to a law enforcement agency.
9. Probation or parole officer.

"Office" means the governor's office of drug control policy.

"Product" means a Schedule V drug product that is not listed in another controlled substance schedule and that contains any detectible amount of pseudoephedrine, its salts, or optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers; ephedrine; or phenylpropanolamine.

"Pseudoephedrine tracking system" or *"PTS"* means the real-time electronic repository established to monitor and control the sale of products and administered by the governor's office of drug control policy.

"Purchaser" means an individual 18 years of age or older who purchases or attempts to purchase a product.

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657—100.3(124) Electronic pseudoephedrine tracking system (PTS). Unless granted an exemption by the office pursuant to these rules, all pharmacies dispensing products as defined in rule 657—100.2(124) without a prescription are required to participate in the PTS pursuant to Iowa Code section 124.212B.

100.3(1) Reporting elements. The record of a completed purchase or attempted purchase of a product without a prescription shall contain the following:

- a. The name and address of the purchaser.

- b. A current government-issued photo identification number.
- c. The electronic signature of the purchaser. If a pharmacy is not able to secure or record an electronic signature, a hard-copy signature logbook shall be utilized and maintained by the pharmacy. Each record in the logbook shall include the purchaser's signature and shall identify the purchase by transaction number.
- d. Date and time of purchase.
- e. The name and quantity of the product purchased, including the total milligrams of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine contained in the product.
- f. The name or unique identification of the pharmacist, pharmacist-intern, or pharmacy technician who approved the dispensing of the product.

100.3(2) *Frequency and quantity.* Dispensing at retail to the same purchaser within any 30-day period shall be limited to products collectively containing no more than 7,500 mg of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine; dispensing at retail to the same purchaser within a single calendar day shall not exceed 3,600 mg.

100.3(3) *Denial of transactions and overrides.*

- a. If an individual attempts to purchase a product in violation of these rules, the PTS shall:
 - (1) Notify the dispenser at the time of sale; and
 - (2) Recommend that the dispenser deny the transaction.
- b. The PTS shall provide an override feature for use by a dispenser to allow completion of the sale. For security purposes and to ensure the integrity of the PTS, use of the override feature shall be restricted to authorized dispensers and may not be delegated to a pharmacy technician trainee or a pharmacy support person. A dispenser utilizing the override feature shall document the reason that, in the professional judgment of the dispenser, it is necessary to override the recommendation of the PTS to deny the transaction.

100.3(4) *Availability of electronic PTS.* If the electronic PTS is unavailable for use, the dispenser shall maintain a written record of each transaction pursuant to 657—subrule 10.34(6). The dispenser shall enter the information from the written record into the PTS within 72 hours of the time the PTS is again available and shall include in the electronic record that the record is a delayed entry.

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657—100.4(124) Access to database information and confidentiality. Information collected in the PTS is confidential unless otherwise ordered by a court or released by the office pursuant to state or federal law. Information may not be released except as provided by this rule.

100.4(1) *PTS administrators.* PTS administrators shall be provided access to the PTS for the purpose of searching and retrieving reports only by articulating reasonable suspicion or providing a case number or reference number for an ongoing investigation. PTS administrators shall also be provided information on purchasers directly from the PTS. This information may be sent directly to law enforcement officers pursuant to paragraph 100.4(2)“e” for purposes of investigation.

100.4(2) *Law enforcement release.* PTS reports may be provided to a law enforcement officer pursuant to rule 657—100.4(124).

- a. A law enforcement officer shall register with the PTS prior to requesting reports. To ensure the identity of the officer and to maintain confidentiality of PTS information, the officer's identity shall be verified and registration shall be approved by the office or the administrator for the officer's agency.

- b. Law enforcement officers shall be given direct access to all data from the PTS pursuant to the federal Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act and 21 CFR § 1314.45.

- c. If a law enforcement officer requests PTS information directly from the PTS, the law enforcement officer shall enter the purpose of the request into the PTS and shall certify the request is part of the officer's official duties.

100.4(3) *Statistical data.* The PTS administrator, following establishment of confidentiality, may provide summary, statistical, or aggregate data to public or private entities for statistical, research, or educational purposes. Prior to release of any such data, the administrator shall remove any information

that could be used to identify an individual patient, dispenser, or other person who is the subject of or identified in the PTS information or data.

100.4(4) Patients. A patient may request and receive information regarding products reported to have been purchased by the patient.

a. A patient may submit a signed, written request for records of the patient's purchases and attempted purchases during a specified period of time. The request shall identify the patient by name, including any aliases used by the patient, and shall include the patient's date of birth and gender. The request shall also include any address where the patient resided during the time period of the request and the patient's current address and daytime telephone number. A patient may personally deliver the request to the PTS administrator or authorized staff member of the office located at Oran Pape State Office Building, 215 East 7th Street, Fifth Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. The patient shall be required to present current government-issued photo identification at the time of delivery of the request. A copy of the patient's identification shall be maintained in the records of the PTS.

b. A patient who is unable to personally deliver the request to the office may submit a request via mail or commercial delivery service. The request shall comply with all provisions of paragraph "a" above, and the signature of the requesting patient shall be witnessed and the patient's identity shall be attested to by a currently registered notary public. In addition to the notary's signature and assurance of the patient's identity, the notary shall certify a copy of the patient's current government-issued photo identification, and that certified copy shall be submitted with the written request. The request shall be submitted to the governor's office of drug control policy at the address identified in paragraph 100.4(4) "a."

100.4(5) Regulatory officers. Regulatory agencies that supervise or regulate a health care practitioner shall be able to access information from the PTS only pursuant to an order, subpoena, or other means of legal compulsion relating to a specific investigation of a specific individual and supported by a determination of probable cause. A director of a regulatory agency with jurisdiction over a practitioner, or the director's designee, who seeks access to PTS information for an investigation shall submit to the PTS administrator in a format established by the office a written request via mail, facsimile, or personal delivery. The request shall be signed by the director or the director's designee and shall be accompanied by an order, subpoena, or other form of legal compulsion establishing that the request is supported by a determination of probable cause.

100.4(6) Pharmacy administrators. A pharmacy, an authorized employee of a pharmacy, or a licensed pharmacist shall be provided access to the stored PTS information only for the limited purpose of determining the sales made by the pharmacy. A pharmacy shall be able to print the pharmacy's sales records for any product during any specified period of time upon the request of the board or an agent of the board.

100.4(7) Court orders and subpoenas. The PTS administrator shall provide database information in response to a court order or a county attorney subpoena or other subpoena issued by a court upon a determination of probable cause.

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657—100.5(124) Violations. Violations of provisions of these rules or Iowa Code section 124.212A, 124.212B, or 124.213 may subject the violator to criminal prosecution.

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