

**657—21.5(124,155A) Automated data processing systems.** An automated data processing system may be used, subject to the requirements contained in this rule, for the storage and retrieval of prescription, patient, prescriber and drug data as well as data relating to the pharmacy staff utilization of the system.

**21.5(1)** *Electronic storage of hard-copy prescriptions.* A pharmacy that maintains an electronic copy of an original hard-copy prescription for a noncontrolled substance shall retain, in a readily retrievable format, the original hard-copy prescription as required in rule 657—6.8(155A) but shall be exempt from the requirement to record on the original hard-copy prescription the date and unique identification number of the prescription.

**21.5(2)** *Data retrievable and printable.* Any automated data processing system shall be capable of immediate retrieval (via computer monitor or hard-copy printout) of, at a minimum, any prescription, patient, prescriber, and drug data as well as data relating to pharmacy staff utilization of the system.

**21.5(3)** *Auxiliary procedure for system downtime.* A pharmacy utilizing an automated data processing system shall have a procedure that will maintain security and confidentiality of all data as well as ensure the legal dispensing of any prescription drug order in the event the system experiences downtime.

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