

**657—39.4(155A) Pharmaceutical care.** Pharmaceutical care is a comprehensive, patient-centered, outcomes-oriented pharmacy practice in which the pharmacist accepts responsibility for assisting the prescriber and the patient in optimizing the patient's drug therapy plan and works to promote health, to prevent disease, and to optimize drug therapy. Pharmaceutical care does not include the prescribing of drugs without the consent of the prescriber.

**39.4(1) *Drug therapy problems.*** In providing pharmaceutical care, the pharmacist shall strive to identify, resolve, and prevent drug therapy problems.

**39.4(2) *Drug therapy plan.*** In providing pharmaceutical care, the pharmacist shall access and evaluate patient-specific information, identify drug therapy problems, and utilize that information in a documented plan of therapy that assists the patient or the patient's caregiver in achieving optimal drug therapy. In concert with the patient, the patient's prescribing practitioner, and the patient's other health care providers, the pharmacist shall assess, monitor, and suggest modifications of the drug therapy plan as appropriate.

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