

**481—553.9(124) Prescription requirements—valid prescriber-patient relationship.** In addition to the elements identified in Iowa Code sections 124.308 and 155A.27 and 21 CFR Parts 1306 and 1311, a prescription is based upon a valid prescriber-patient relationship. Once the prescriber-patient relationship is broken and the prescriber is no longer available to treat the patient or oversee the patient's use of the controlled substance, a prescription loses its validity. Upon becoming aware of the situation, the pharmacist will cancel the prescription and any remaining refills but may exercise prudent judgment in individual circumstances to ensure sufficient patient access to continued treatment until the patient can reasonably obtain the service of another prescriber.

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