

657—21.8(124,155A) Computer-to-computer transmission of a prescription. Prescription drug orders, excluding orders for controlled substances, may be communicated directly from a prescriber's computer to a pharmacy's computer prescription processing system by electronic transmission. The receiving pharmacist shall be responsible for verifying the authenticity of an electronically transmitted prescription or of an electronic signature as provided by rule 657—8.19(124,126,155A) or 21.3(124,155A).

21.8(1) *Secure transmission and patient's choice.* Orders shall be sent only to the pharmacy of the patient's choice, and no unauthorized intervening person or other entity shall change the content of the prescription drug order or compromise its confidentiality during the transmission process.

21.8(2) *Information required.* The electronically transmitted order shall identify the transmitter's telephone number for verbal confirmation, the time and date of transmission, and the pharmacy intended to receive the transmission as well as any other information required by federal or state laws, rules, or regulations.

21.8(3) *Who may transmit.* Orders shall be initiated only by an authorized prescriber and shall include the prescriber's electronic signature. Orders may be transmitted by the prescriber or the prescriber's agent.

21.8(4) *Original prescription.* The electronic transmission shall be deemed the original prescription drug order provided it meets the requirements of this rule.