

481—552.18(155A) Telepharmacy.

552.18(1) *Managing pharmacy requirement.* Only an Iowa-licensed and Iowa-located pharmacy can serve as a managing pharmacy for a telepharmacy site located in Iowa.

552.18(2) *Agreement.* An agreement between a telepharmacy and a managing pharmacy will include:

a. The services to be provided by the managing pharmacy, including adequate on-site pharmacist presence to meet the needs of the pharmacy that is no less than 16 hours per month.

b. The conditions under which the telepharmacy may be operational.

552.18(3) *Requirements.* Notwithstanding other rules of the board, a telepharmacy site will:

a. Maintain a perpetual inventory system in accordance with 481—subrule 553.6(1) for all controlled substances at the telepharmacy site.

b. Maintain documentation of a monthly inspection at the telepharmacy site conducted by an on-site pharmacist in accordance with subrule 552.18(4).

552.18(4) *Monthly inspection.* The monthly inspection will include:

a. Audit and reconciliation of controlled substance perpetual and physical inventories.

b. Verification that the video recording system is functioning properly and that the recordings are available for at least 60 days beyond the recording date.

c. Compilation of data from the previous month to include the number of prescriptions filled, the number of on-site pharmacist hours, and the number of hours the telepharmacy site was open for business.

552.18(5) *Conversion to general pharmacy.* If the average number of prescriptions dispensed per day, calculated as the average number of prescriptions dispensed per day over the previous 90-day period, exceeds 150 prescriptions, the telepharmacy site will provide on-site pharmacist staffing 100 percent of the time the telepharmacy is open for business and will, within 30 days, submit an application for licensure as a general pharmacy.

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