

657—3.22(155A) Technical functions. At the discretion of the supervising pharmacist, the following technical functions, in addition to any of the functions authorized for a pharmacy support person pursuant to 657—Chapter 5, may be delegated to a pharmacy technician as specified in the following subrules.

3.22(1) Certified pharmacy technician. Under the supervision of a pharmacist, a certified pharmacy technician may perform technical functions delegated by the supervising pharmacist including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Perform packaging, manipulative, or repetitive tasks relating to the processing of a prescription or medication order in a licensed pharmacy.
- b. Accept prescription refill authorizations communicated to a pharmacy by a prescriber or by the prescriber's agent.
- c. Contact prescribers to obtain prescription refill authorizations.
- d. Process pertinent patient information, including information regarding allergies and disease state.
- e. Enter prescription and patient information into the pharmacy computer system.
- f. Inspect drug supplies provided and controlled by an Iowa-licensed pharmacy but located or maintained outside the pharmacy department, including but not limited to drug supplies maintained in an ambulance or other emergency medical service vehicle, a long-term care facility, a hospital patient care unit, or a hospice facility.
- g. Affix required prescription labels upon any container of drugs sold or dispensed pursuant to the prescription of an authorized prescriber.
- h. Prepackage or label multi-dose and single-dose packages of drugs as provided in 657—Chapter 22.
- i. Perform drug compounding processes as provided in 657—Chapter 20.
- j. As provided in rule 657—3.24(155A), accept new prescription drug orders or medication orders communicated to the pharmacy by a prescriber or by the prescriber's agent.
- k. Transfer via oral, facsimile, or electronic means the original prescription drug order information and prescription refill information of a prescription for a noncontrolled substance to a pharmacy as requested by a patient or patient's caregiver pursuant to rule 657—6.9(124,155A). A technician shall not transfer by any means the original prescription drug order information or prescription refill information for a controlled substance.
- l. Receive via oral, facsimile, or electronic means the transfer of original prescription drug order information and prescription refill information of a prescription for a noncontrolled substance from a pharmacy as requested by a patient or patient's caregiver pursuant to rule 657—6.9(124,155A). A technician shall not receive via transfer by any means the original prescription drug order information or prescription refill information of a prescription for a controlled substance.

3.22(2) Pharmacy technician trainee. Under the supervision of a pharmacist, a pharmacy technician trainee may perform only the following technical functions delegated by the supervising pharmacist:

- a. Perform packaging, manipulative, or repetitive tasks relating to the processing of a prescription or medication order in a licensed pharmacy.
- b. Accept prescription refill authorizations communicated to a pharmacy by a prescriber or by the prescriber's agent.
- c. Contact prescribers to obtain prescription refill authorizations.
- d. Process pertinent patient information, including information regarding allergies and disease state.
- e. Enter prescription and patient information into the pharmacy computer system.
- f. Affix required prescription labels upon any container of drugs sold or dispensed pursuant to the prescription of an authorized prescriber.
- g. Prepackage or label multi-dose and single-dose packages of drugs as provided in 657—Chapter 22.

h. Under the supervision of a pharmacist who provides training and evaluates and monitors trainee competence in the compounding processes, perform drug compounding processes as provided in 657—Chapter 20.

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