

## Status Report on Approved Iowa Telepharmacy Locations

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<u>Company Name/Pharmacist</u>	<u>Sites</u>	<u>Status</u>
Thompson & Thompson Long Term Care Pharmacy Todd Thompson, R.Ph. Washington, IA	(1) Victor Drug, Victor, IA (2) West Liberty Pharmacy, West Liberty, IA (3) Brooklyn Pharmacy, Brooklyn, IA	Victor Drug was the first telepharmacy site in Iowa (Sept. 26, 2012) All three sites are currently operational In the 3 <sup>rd</sup> QTR of 2013, these sites filled a total of 16,529 prescriptions In the 4 <sup>th</sup> QTR of 2013, these sites filled a total of 13,903 prescriptions
NuCara Pharmacy Brett Barker, R.Ph. Nevada, IA	Zearing, IA	This site became operational on March 18, 2013 In the 2 <sup>nd</sup> QTR of 2013, this site filled 797 prescriptions In the 3 <sup>rd</sup> QTR of 2013, it filled 1,171 prescriptions In the 4 <sup>th</sup> QTR of 2013, it filled 1,832 prescriptions
NuCara Management Group Brett Barker, R.Ph. Conrad, IA	Lenox, IA (proposed as a hybrid model)	Not operational--to be withdrawn

**Iowa Telepharmacy Task Force--2014**  
Goals and Objectives

1. Review telepharmacy laws and rules in other states.
2. Review and evaluate waiver and pilot project results in Iowa:
  - Frequency of medication dispensing errors
  - Types of medication dispensing errors
  - Impact of errors on patients
  - Patient privacy
  - Security of drugs and patient information
  - Role of pharmacy technicians
  - Technology issues
3. Receive additional input from pharmacies, prescribers and patients.
4. Examine the needs of patients in rural Iowa and underserved areas.
5. Review and evaluate existing and new telepharmacy technologies.
6. Develop minimum standards for telepharmacy practice in community settings, inpatient/institutional applications, and specialty practices such as oncology.
7. Identify and promote "best practices" for telepharmacy practice.
8. Develop guiding principles to guide rulemaking.

## Joint Position Statement on Telepharmacy in Iowa

### January 2014

Iowa pharmacy stakeholders, including the Iowa Pharmacy Association, the Iowa Board of Pharmacy, the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy and Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, release the following position statement on telepharmacy:

1. The Iowa Pharmacy Association has adopted policies on telepharmacy practice and the Iowa Board of Pharmacy has adopted administrative rules which currently allow telepharmacy in both hospital and community practice settings.
2. The Iowa Board of Pharmacy has granted waivers of current telepharmacy rules to sites which provide medications without the use of automated medication distribution systems.
3. The Iowa Board of Pharmacy has granted pilot projects to additional sites to further explore and study other applications of telepharmacy.
4. Waivers and pilot projects will continue under the purview of the Board and data from these sites performing telepharmacy services will be collected and analyzed.
5. The waivers and pilot projects are providing valuable information on medication access and patient safety in alternative drug delivery models.
6. The waivers and pilot projects will proceed over the next few years and allow the profession to develop "best practices" for telepharmacy.
7. The Iowa Pharmacy Association and the Iowa Board of Pharmacy have established an ongoing task force to develop standards for the practice of telepharmacy in Iowa.
8. The telepharmacy task force will review the results of the waivers and pilot projects and will develop guiding principles to direct future rule making and legislative efforts.
9. The practice of telepharmacy presents both opportunities and risks for patients in Iowa. A thoughtful and deliberative process is needed to maximize patient safety and to allow appropriate medication access in all practice settings, while maintaining the integral role of the pharmacist in the health care delivery system.