



March 6, 2024

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Re: Petition for Waiver

On March 5, 2024, the Board **granted** your request to waive rule 657 IAC 7.12(4)(b), limiting the use of an outpatient point-of-care automated dispensing system (OPCADS) in an emergency department for the benefit of patients examined or treated in the emergency department. The waiver authorizes your facility to install an OPCADS unit for access by patients seen at the health system's Henry County and Fort Madison locations when no pharmacy services are available to patients in those local areas.

The Board determined that application of the rule would impose an undue hardship by limiting patient timely access to medication therapy.

The Board determined that granting the waiver would not prejudice the legal rights of another person. The Board determined that the provisions of the rule being waived are not specifically mandated by statute or another provision of law. The Board determined that substantially equal protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public can be assured with the practitioner completion of drug utilization review and patient counseling along with the facilities' encouragement of patients to notify their preferred pharmacy of the new medication obtained.

The waiver is approved and will expire March 4, 2025.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Mears".

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