

657—40.1(155A) Purpose and scope. A pharmacy located in Iowa which provides clinical pharmacy services may, but shall not be required to, develop and implement a technician product verification (TPV) program in accordance with these rules. For the purpose of this chapter, clinical pharmacy services shall mean services that exceed the minimum requirements of the practice of pharmacy. Clinical pharmacy services include, but are not limited to, medication therapy management, collaborative practice, statewide protocols, and immunizations. In a TPV program, certified pharmacy technicians provide technology-assisted final drug product verification during the prescription-filling or medication distribution process. The pharmacist shall still be responsible for verification of the accuracy of data entry, drug utilization review, ensuring rational drug therapy, and counseling. The on-site practice hours for a pharmacist shall not be reduced but shall be redistributed directly to clinical pharmacy services to improve patient care and health outcomes.

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