

657—40.3(155A) TPV program requirements.

40.3(1) *Site-specific.* A TPV program shall be specific to the site at which technician product verification is utilized.

40.3(2) *TPV program oversight.* A pharmacy shall, at all times, have one designated responsible pharmacist who is responsible for meeting TPV program requirements. The responsible pharmacist is not required to be on duty at all times when the TPV program is in use and may designate one or more pharmacists on duty to supervise the activities of checking technicians.

40.3(3) *Checking technician qualifications.* Prior to authorizing a technician to conduct TPV program checking technician activities, the responsible pharmacist shall ensure the certified pharmacy technician has met the minimum requirements of rule 657—40.4(155A).

40.3(4) *Staff responsibilities.* Within a TPV program, each pharmacist shall optimize clinical pharmacy services and ensure consistent and safe implementation of the program. A pharmacist shall be on site and available to checking technicians during any period when TPV is utilized. Each individual involved in the TPV program shall be responsible for the activities performed by that individual, ensuring the activities adhere to TPV program policies and procedures and board rules.

40.3(5) *Technology required.* The pharmacy's prescription processing system shall have appropriate scanning technology to ensure each product is accurately filled and verified. Scanning technology shall include barcode scanning or superior electronic scanning to verify that the National Drug Code (NDC) of the container of product being used to fill the prescription or medication order matches the NDC of the product entered into the pharmacy's prescription processing system to fill the prescription or medication order. Only a pharmacist shall be authorized to override a scanning technology error or exception. When scanning technology does not function properly, only a pharmacist shall be authorized to visually verify the product or manually enter the drug product into the pharmacy's prescription processing system. The pharmacy's prescription processing system shall be capable of documenting each step of the dispensing or medication distribution process and identifying which pharmacy employee was responsible for each step of the dispensing or distribution process.

40.3(6) *Pharmacy responsibility.* Except in an institutional setting, a pharmacy utilizing a TPV program shall ensure that no more than three checking technicians per pharmacist are engaged in TPV activities within the prescription-filling process at any time. The pharmacy shall ensure that on-site pharmacist practice hours are not reduced but are redistributed directly to clinical pharmacy services.

40.3(7) *Board notification and inspection.* Prior to implementing a TPV program, a pharmacy shall provide advance notice to the board, on forms provided by the board, of its intention to implement a TPV program. The board may require an on-site inspection prior to program commencement.

40.3(8) *Program discontinuation.* A pharmacy shall provide notice to the board when it discontinues a TPV program. A pharmacy intending to implement a previously discontinued TPV program shall provide advance notice to the board, on forms provided by the board, of its intent to implement a TPV program pursuant to subrule 40.3(7).

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