

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND RULE IN THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
PHARMACY RULES,
RULE 480-36-.04 POLICY AND PROCEDURES, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy Rules, Rule 480-36-.04 POLICY AND PROCEDURES (hereinafter "proposed amendments").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed amendments and a synopsis of the proposed amendments, is being forwarded to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on an interested parties list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the rule including the proposed amendments, and a synopsis of the rule including the proposed amendments may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy's web page at www.gbp.georgia.gov.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM on November 16, 2022 at Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia, 30314 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed amendments. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received prior to November 9, 2022. Written comments should be addressed to the Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at 2 Peachtree Street NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. You may email your comments to elacefield@dch.ga.gov.

The proposed amendments will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at its meeting scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM on November 16, 2022 at Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia, 30314. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy has the authority to adopt the proposed amendments pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-5; 26-4-27; 26-4-28; and 26-4-110.

At its meeting on May 11, 2022, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rule amendments do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed amendments cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22.

Also, at its meeting on May 11, 2022, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and

adoption of this chapter will impact every licensee in the same manner, and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of pharmacy.

For further information, contact the Board office at 404-651-8000.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 14 day of October, 2022.



Eric R. Lacefield
Executive Director
Georgia Board of Pharmacy

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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE 480-36-.04 POLICY AND
PROCEDURES**

- Purpose:** To update the current rule to require that written policies identify the responsibilities of the primary dispensing pharmacy and the secondary remote entry pharmacist.
- Main Features:** Amendment of the rule to direct that the required written policies and procedures identify the responsibilities of the primary dispensing pharmacy and the secondary remote entry pharmacist, and to provide that these policies shall be maintained and available for inspection by the Board or by the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE 480-36-.04 POLICY AND
PROCEDURES**

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

480-36-.04. Policy and Procedures

The primary dispensing pharmacy ~~and the secondary remote entry pharmacy~~ shall have a written policy and procedure that relates to the remote processing ~~at each pharmacy involved in the processing~~ of a prescriptions and such policy shall be available for inspection by the Board or its representative. The policy shall at a minimum include the following:

- (a) The responsibilities of ~~each~~ the primary dispensing pharmacy and secondary remote entry pharmacist;
- (b) A list of the name, address, telephone numbers, and permit/registration/license numbers of all pharmacies and pharmacists involved in remote processing;
- (c) Procedures for protecting the confidentiality and integrity of patient information;
- (d) Procedures for ensuring that pharmacists performing prospective drug reviews have access to appropriate drug information resources;
- (e) Procedures for maintaining required records;
- (f) Procedures for complying with all applicable laws and regulations to include counseling.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-4, 26-4-5, 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 26-4-60, 26-4-80, 26-4-82, 26-4-83, 26-4-110.