

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND RULE IN THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF  
PHARMACY RULES,  
RULE 480-36-.06 PATIENT COUNSELING, 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-.06 PATIENT COUNSELING (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](http://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, 30316 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. You may email your comments to [elacefield@dch.ga.gov](mailto: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, 30316. 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.



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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE 480-36-.06 PATIENT  
COUNSELING**

- Purpose:** To clarify the prohibition on the secondary remote entry pharmacist performing patient counseling duties, which are the responsibility of the primary dispensing pharmacy.
- Main Features:** Amendment of the rule to clarify the prohibition on the secondary remote entry pharmacist performing patient counseling duties, which are the responsibility of the primary dispensing pharmacy.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE 480-36-.06 PATIENT  
COUNSELING**

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

**Rule 480-36-.06. Patient Counseling**

- (1) It shall be the responsibility of the pharmacist on duty at the primary dispensing pharmacy to perform patient counseling of all prescriptions, as required, including those assisted by remote processing.
- (2) The secondary remote entry pharmacyist shall not perform patient counseling on behalf of the primary dispensing pharmacy.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 26-4-4, 26-4-5, 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 26-4-85.