

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-10-.10 PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER COPIES, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

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

This 19th day of October, 2026.



J. Clinton Joiner, II
Executive Director
Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Posted: October 19, 2026.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-10-.10 PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER COPIES**

- Purpose:** To establish a unified regulatory framework, eliminate duplicative requirements, and provide consistent standards for prescription transfers between pharmacies.
- Main Features:** The proposed repeal eliminates the separate rules governing prescription drug order copies, dangerous drug prescription transfers, and controlled substance prescription transfers. These provisions are consolidated into amended Rule 480-22-.11.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-10-.10 PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER COPIES**

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Rule 480-10-.10. ~~Prescription Drug Order Copies~~Repealed.

- ~~(1) Only a licensed pharmacist or a licensed pharmacy intern/extern, acting under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist, may prepare, receive, read, or transfer a copy of a prescription drug order to any person, and then only to a licensed pharmacist or licensed pharmacy intern/extern, acting under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist, who is authorized to receive and give such information as follows:~~
- ~~(a) When a copy of prescription drug order is received manually, meaning without the use of a computer or other electronic means, the person receiving such copy shall immediately reduce the information to writing by creating a hard copy prescription drug order which, besides the required prescription data, should include at a minimum the following information;~~
- ~~1. The name of the pharmacist or pharmacy intern/extern who received the prescription drug order;~~
 - ~~2. The name of the transferring pharmacy and its telephone number along with the name of the pharmacist or pharmacy intern/extern who provided the information for the prescription drug order copy;~~
 - ~~3. The date the prescription drug order copy was received.~~
- ~~(b) When a prescription drug order copy is sent and handled manually, meaning without the use of a computer or other electronic means, the person giving such copy shall record immediately upon his or her hard copy prescription drug order the following information:~~
- ~~1. That a copy of the prescription has been given and the prescription drug order is null and void, with the word "VOID" being marked on its face;~~
 - ~~2. The name of the pharmacy, and telephone number, where the prescription drug order was transferred;~~
 - ~~3. The name of the pharmacist, or pharmacy intern/extern who received the transferred prescription drug order information; and~~
 - ~~4. The date on which the prescription drug order was transferred.~~
- ~~(c) When a prescription drug order copy is either sent or received by aid of a computer, or other electronic means, the pharmacist or pharmacy intern/extern should use the procedures for prescription drug order transfers detailed in Rule 480-27-.07.~~

~~Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 26-4-80, 26-4-82.~~

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-15-.02 REGISTRATION OF PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND
CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

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RULE 480-15-.02 REGISTRATION OF PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND
CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Purpose:** To eliminate continuing education requirements for pharmacy technicians. The Board has determined that the CE requirement, which was created by the Board in 2023, creates regulatory burdens, and presents barriers to entry of the profession, provision of care, and access to care especially in rural areas of the state, which are not outweighed by any benefit to public health, safety, or welfare.
- Main Features:** Elimination of continuing education requirements previously enacted by the Board. Note: statutory requirements for CE related to specific pharmacy technician functions are not effected by this repeal.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-15-.02 REGISTRATION OF PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND
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Rule 480-15-.02. Registration of Pharmacy Technicians ~~and Continuing Education Requirements~~

- (1) Effective August 1, 2011, a pharmacy may only employ registered pharmacy technicians to perform pharmacy technician duties.
- (2) In order to be registered as a Pharmacy Technician in this State, an applicant shall:
 - (a) Submit an application to the Board on the form prescribed by the Board;
 1. Mere submission of an application to the Board is not registration pursuant to this Rule.
 2. No applicant shall be deemed registered until such time as his/her application has been completely processed by the Board's administrative office, to include receipt and processing of any applicable fees, and a registration number has issued to the applicant;
 - (b) Attest that applicant is at least 17 years old;
 - (c) Attest that applicant is currently enrolled in high school, or has a high school diploma, or has a GED, or has a postsecondary education or college degree;
 - (d) Consent to, provide the necessary information to conduct, and pay for a background check to be conducted by the Board, its agent or a firm or firms approved by the Board, which background check will include a criminal history, driver license history and other information as the Board deems necessary, and will authorize the Board and the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency to receive the results;
 - (e) Submit the name and address of employer and place of employment;
 - (f) Pay application fees; and
 - (g) If certified, submit evidence of training supporting designation as certified.
- (3) The Board may deny registration or conditionally grant registration for any of the reasons set forth in Code sections 26-4-60 or 43-1-19. This includes convictions, pleas of nolo contendere and guilty pleas related to misdemeanor crimes of moral turpitude or marijuana and to felonies. In addition, no pharmacist whose license has been denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted for disciplinary purposes shall be eligible to be registered as a pharmacy technician.
- (4) The denial of an application for registration as a pharmacy technician shall not be a contested case and the applicant shall not be entitled to a hearing under the Georgia Administrative Procedures Action, O.C.G.A. T. 50, Ch. 13, but such applicant may be entitled to an appearance before the Board.
- (5) A registration, once issued, is renewable biennially, upon payment of a fee. Registrations shall expire on June 30th of each odd-numbered year. If the application for renewal is not made and the fee paid before September 1st of the odd-numbered year, the registration shall lapse and shall not be renewed. An application for a new registration shall be required.
- ~~(6) On and after July 1, 2023, as a requirement for the biennial renewal of his/her registration, a pharmacy technician must complete not less than twenty (20) hours of approved continuing education.~~
 - ~~(a) "Approved continuing education" means courses approved by the Board as described in Rule 480-3-.03.~~

~~(b) One hour of C.E. is defined as 0.1 C.E.U. Each pharmacy technician in the State of Georgia must obtain 20 hours of continuing education or 2.0 C.E.U.'s per biennium for registration renewal.~~

~~1. Certificates documenting 20 hours of approved continuing education or 2.0 C.E.U.'s must be completed and date within the biennium.~~

~~(c) C.E. requirements during the technician's first biennial registration cycle:~~

~~1. A pharmacy technician registered during the first six (6) months of the biennium (July 1, Year One to December 31, Year One), shall be required to obtain 20 hours of C.E.~~

~~2. A pharmacy technician registered during the following twelve (12) months (January 1, Year Two to December 31, Year Two), shall be required to obtain 10 hours of C.E.~~

~~3. A pharmacy technician registered during the last six (6) months (January 1, Year Three to June 30, Year Three) of the biennium, shall be exempt from continuing education for that biennium only.~~

4.(6) A pharmacy technician qualified to administer vaccines pursuant to O.C.G.A. 26-4-52 and Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 480-15-.04(i), shall complete two hours, ~~or 0.2 C.E.U.'s,~~ of immunization related continuing pharmacy education from an approved continuing education course per biennium for registration renewal.

~~(d) In the event of an audit and a pharmacy technician fails to submit certificates, which document his/her required continuing education credits, the Board will not process his/her request to renew the registration until the continuing education requirements are provided to the Board.~~

~~1. The pharmacy technician may not carry over continuing education credits from one registration period to the next.~~

~~2. Nothing is meant to prohibit representatives from the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency (GDNA) from checking, auditing, or verifying a pharmacy technician's continuing education certificates as needed.~~

~~3. Each registered pharmacy technician shall maintain these certificates of attendance at continuing education meetings for a period of two (2) years from the date of the preceding renewal period.~~

~~(e) The staff of the Georgia Board of Pharmacy may audit, or otherwise select randomly, the continuing education of a percentage of registrants as determined by the Board.~~

(7) A registrant has a responsibility to update the Board with a change of home address and ~~ee~~employment address within ten (10) days of such change.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 16-13-111, 26-4-5, 26-4-20, 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 26-4-60, 26-4-80, 26-4-84, 26-4-85, 26-4-88, 26-4-110, 43-1-19.

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RULE 480-22-.11 TRANSFER BETWEEN PHARMACIES OF CONTROLLED
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RULE 480-22-.11 TRANSFER BETWEEN PHARMACIES OF CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER INFORMATION FOR REFILL
PURPOSES**

- Purpose:** To establish a unified regulatory framework, eliminate duplicative requirements, and provide consistent standards for prescription transfers between pharmacies.
- Main Features:** The proposed amendment consolidates the requirements governing the transfer of prescription drug orders into a single rule applicable to both dangerous drugs and controlled substances. The amendment establishes uniform procedures for transferring prescription drug orders between pharmacies, clarifies requirements for transfers involving Schedule II through V controlled substances, and updates documentation and recordkeeping requirements to accommodate both electronic and non-electronic transfers. The amendment also permits unlimited transfers of dangerous drug prescriptions and recognizes the transfer of unfilled electronic Schedule II prescriptions in accordance with federal law.

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Rule 480-22-.11. ~~Transfer Between Pharmacies of Controlled Substance Prescription Drug Order Information for Refill Purposes~~ Prescription Drug Order Transfers

(1) **Dangerous Drugs.** The transfer of prescription drug order information between pharmacies is permissible without limitation as to occurrences.

~~(+)(2)~~ **Controlled Substances in Schedules III, IV, or V.** The transfer of ~~original~~ prescription drug order information between pharmacies is permissible one-time only for a C-III, IV, or V substance for the purpose of refill dispensing is permissible between pharmacies one time only.

(a) However, pharmacies electronically sharing a real-time, online computerized database may transfer the prescription drug order information as many times as there are authorized refills, up to the maximum of five (5) times, if it is within six (6) months from the date of issuance.

(3) **Controlled Substances in Schedule II.** The transfer of an electronic prescription drug order is permissible, provided:

(a) The forwarding or transferring of such prescription drug order is compliant with federal law and regulation;

(b) The prescription drug order has not been previously dispensed; and

~~(a)(c)~~ The sending and receiving pharmacies comply with the record-keeping requirements of subsections (4), (5), and (6) of this rule.

~~(2)(4)~~ A transfer is considered a communication between two licensed pharmacists and/or pharmacy interns/externs. Transfers are subject to the following requirements:

(a) The transferring pharmacist or pharmacy intern/extern shall record the following information in either real time or at the first opportunity after the transfer:

1. The word "VOID" ~~must~~ shall be written on the face of the original, hard copy, invalidated prescription drug order; ~~or for electronic prescription drug orders, information that the prescription has been transferred shall be added to the prescription record; and~~

2. ~~The following must~~ transferring pharmacy shall manually or electronically document the following on the prescription drug order or in the electronic prescription record: be written on the back of the original, invalidated prescription drug order: the name, address, telephone number, and DEA number of the pharmacy to which it is transferred, and the name of the pharmacist receiving the prescription information; and

(i) Name of the receiving pharmacy;

(ii) Address of the receiving pharmacy;

(iii) Telephone number of the receiving pharmacy;

(iv) DEA number of the receiving pharmacy, if the prescription drug order being transferred is for a controlled substance;

(v) Name of the pharmacist or pharmacy intern/extern receiving the prescription drug order information; and

~~2.~~(vi) Date of transfer of the prescription drug order.

~~3. The date of the transfer and the name of the pharmacist transferring the information must be recorded on the back of the prescription drug order.~~

(b) The pharmacist or pharmacy intern/extern receiving the transferred prescription drug order information shall ~~reduce it to writing and record~~document the following information:

1. The word "TRANSFER" shall be written on the face of the transferred prescription drug order ~~hard-copy~~hard copy, or for electronic prescription drug orders, information that the prescription has been received by transfer shall be added to the prescription record; and

2. All information required to be recorded on a prescription drug order, or in the electronic prescription record, pursuant to this chapter, which shall include:

(i) Date the prescription drug order was originally issued by the prescribing practitioner;

~~(ii) The n~~Number of refills authorized on the original prescription drug order;

~~(iii) Number of valid refills remaining;~~

~~(iv) Date the prescription drug order was originally dispensed by the transferring pharmacy, if applicable;~~

~~(v) Date the prescription drug order was last dispensed, if applicable;~~

~~(vi) Name of the transferring pharmacy;~~

~~(vii) Address of the transferring pharmacy;~~

~~(viii) Telephone number of the transferring pharmacy;~~

~~(ix) DEA number of the transferring pharmacy, if the prescription drug order received by transfer is for a controlled substance;~~

~~(x) Name of the pharmacist or pharmacy intern/extern receiving the prescription drug order information;~~

~~(xi) Date the prescription drug order was received by transfer.~~

~~(e) Date the prescription drug order was originally dispensed by the transferring pharmacy;~~

~~(d) Number of valid refills remaining, and date(s) and pharmacy location(s) where any previous refills were dispensed;~~

~~(e) The pharmacy's name, address, telephone number, DEA number, and prescription serial number from which the prescription information was transferred; and~~

~~(f) The name of the pharmacist who transferred the prescription drug order.~~

~~(3)(5)~~ The original and transferred prescription drug order(s) information must be maintained for a period of two years from the date of the last refill.

~~(6)~~ Pharmacies electronically transferring a prescription drug order ~~for the purpose of refills must shall~~ maintain the same information and meet the same record keeping requirements as ~~do~~ pharmacies with manual, non-electronic record keeping systems.

~~(4)(7)~~ Nothing in this rule shall be interpreted to prohibit pharmacies from transferring prescription drug orders electronically if the requirements of this rule are met.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 16-13-34, 16-13-39, 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 26-4-80, 26-4-82.

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RULE 480-24-.01 DEFINITIONS**

Purpose: To repeal outdated, outmoded, and/or ambiguous and uncertain regulation, and replace with a uniform regulatory scheme.

Main Features: Repeal of the rule in its entirety.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-24-.01 DEFINITIONS**

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Text of the proposed rule is attached hereto.

Rule 480-24-.01. ~~Definitions~~Repealed.

~~For purposes of these Rules and Regulations, the following definitions apply:~~

~~(a) — Board. Board shall mean the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy.~~

~~(b) — GDNA. GDNA shall mean the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency.~~

~~(c) — Hospice emergency drug kits. A hospice emergency drug kit shall mean an emergency drug kit placed by a provider pharmacy in a hospice licensed by the Department of Human Resources.~~

~~(d) — Unit dose. A unit dose is a single dose of a medication(s), which is individually packaged, sealed, and properly labeled to maintain the integrity and the identity of the drug, and patient-ready at the time of dispensing by the pharmacist.~~

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-24-.01 DEFINITIONS, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

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

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This 19th day of October, 2026.

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J. Clinton Joiner, II
Executive Director
Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Posted: October 19, 2026.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-24-.01 DEFINITIONS**

- Purpose:** To update, clarify, and provide greater flexibility to additional areas of need in the Board's regulation of pharmacies providing services to healthcare facilities and provision of emergency kits in healthcare facilities.
- Main Features:** The proposed rule repeals and replaces the existing definitions to establish updated definitions for “emergency drug kits” and “emergency use.” The changes expand the definition of emergency drug kits to include those placed in licensed nursing homes, hospice facilities, crisis stabilization units, and other locations authorized by law. The rule also clarifies the circumstances under which medications may be obtained from emergency supplies and specifies that emergency drug kits are not intended to serve as floor stock.

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RULE 480-24-.01 DEFINITIONS**

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Rule 480-24-.01. Definitions

For purposes of these Rules and Regulations, the following definitions apply:

- (1) **Emergency drug kits.** An emergency drug kit shall mean dangerous drugs and controlled substances placed by a pharmacy into a licensed nursing home, hospice facility, crisis stabilization unit (CSU), or other location as allowed by law.
- (2) **Emergency use.** Emergency use is the procurement of non-patient-assigned medications from a stock supply for the purpose of initiating medication therapy or supplying non-routine medications to provide for optimal patient care. However, emergency drug kit medications are not intended to serve as floor stock.

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-24-.02 PERSONNEL, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

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Executive Director
Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Posted: October 19, 2026.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-24-.02 PERSONNEL**

Purpose: To repeal outdated, outmoded, and/or ambiguous and uncertain regulation, and replace with a uniform regulatory scheme.

Main Features: Repeal of the rule in its entirety.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-24-.02 PERSONNEL**

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Rule 480-24-.02. Conditions to Provide Services

- (1) A pharmacy licensed by the Board may dispense controlled substances and dangerous drugs and provide additional required services to nursing homes, hospice facilities, and CSUs. The pharmacy may contract with the facility in writing for those services.
- (2) A pharmacist, licensed by the Board, may serve as a consultant for a nursing home, hospice facility, or crisis stabilization unit and may contract with the facility in writing for those services. Such pharmacists can be employees of the pharmacy that services the facility, be contracted with the pharmacy, or operate independently.
- (3) Nothing in this rule is intended to prohibit more than one pharmacy or pharmacist from servicing a facility.
- (4) The consulting pharmacist or a pharmacist servicing the facility shall:
 - (a) Maintain written reports of pharmaceutical services provided;
 - (b) Establish policies and procedures for medication handling and storage;
 - (c) Conduct monthly inspections of drugs kept within the facility to ensure they are stored in a secure location and stored according to the manufacturer's specifications;
 - (d) Segregate drugs that are expired, discontinued from use, or when the person for whom they were ordered is no longer a patient at the facility;
 - (e) Perform a monthly review of each patient's drug regimen and medication administration records for the purposes of promoting therapeutic appropriateness. This review shall include the following:
 1. Overutilization or underutilization;
 2. Therapeutic duplications;
 3. Drug-disease contraindications;
 4. Drug-drug interactions;
 5. Incorrect drug dosage, dosage form, or duration of drug therapy;
 6. Drug-allergy interactions; and
 7. Clinical abuse or misuse.
 - (f) Provide a written report of all inspections to the medical director, administrator of the facility, or their designee upon completion.

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-24-.02 CONDITIONS TO PROVIDE SERVICES, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

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RULE 480-24-.02 CONDITIONS TO PROVIDE SERVICES**

- Purpose:** To update, clarify, and provide greater flexibility to additional areas of need in the Board's regulation of pharmacies providing services to healthcare facilities and provision of emergency kits in healthcare facilities.
- Main Features:** The proposed rule repeals and replaces the existing rule governing pharmacy personnel responsibilities to establish comprehensive requirements for pharmacies and pharmacists providing services to nursing homes, hospice facilities, and crisis stabilization units. The rule clarifies contracting arrangements, permits multiple pharmacies or pharmacists to serve a facility, and establishes specific responsibilities for consulting and servicing pharmacists, including medication storage and handling, monthly inspections, drug regimen reviews, and reporting requirements.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-24-.02 CONDITIONS TO PROVIDE SERVICES**

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Rule 480-24-.02. ~~Personnel~~Repealed.

- ~~(1) The responsibilities of the Consulting Pharmacist shall include, at a minimum, review of each patient's drug regimen monthly and report of any irregularities to the Medical Director and Administrator of the nursing facility, written reports of pharmaceutical services, and monitoring of established policies and procedures for medication handling and storage.~~
- ~~(2)~~(1) The responsibilities of the Vendor Pharmacist shall include, at a minimum, proper drug labeling, storage, transport, and record keeping in compliance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations.

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-24-.03 PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

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Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Posted: October 19, 2026.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-24-.03 PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Purpose: To repeal outdated, outmoded, and/or ambiguous and uncertain regulation, and replace with a uniform regulatory scheme.

Main Features: Repeal of the rule in its entirety.

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RULE 480-24-.03 PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

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Rule 480-24-.03. Drug Distribution

- (1) Dispensing of drugs to the facility shall be pursuant to lawful prescription orders from a practitioner for individual patients and shall include the following:
 - (a) Date of issue;
 - (b) Name of the patient;
 - (c) Address of the patient, or the location of the patient in an institutional facility;
 - (d) Patient's date of birth or medical record number;
 - (e) Name of the ordering practitioner;
 - (f) Name and strength of the drug ordered;
 - (g) Directions for use; and
 - (h) Any cautionary statements as may be required or necessary.
- (2) Standing medication orders shall not be allowed.
- (3) All drugs supplied to the facility must be obtained from a pharmacy having a retail pharmacy permit.
- (4) The pharmacy may receive new and refill prescription orders by obtaining any of the following:
 - (a) The original signed prescription order;
 - (b) A verbal order from a practitioner or the practitioner's agent;
 - (c) An electronic prescription order;
 - (d) A copy of a prescription order from a practitioner or the practitioner's agent;
 - (e) A copy of the prescription order from the patient's chart from a practitioner or the practitioner's agent.
- (5) Accountability of controlled substances. The pharmacy shall ensure the following information is documented and maintained when controlled substances are administered to patients at the facility:
 - (a) Name and strength of the drug;
 - (b) Dose and route of administration for the drug;
 - (c) Name of ordering practitioner;
 - (d) Name of patient;
 - (e) Date and time of administration to patient;
 - (f) Signature and title of the individual administering the medication; and
 - (g) Documentation of the destruction of all unused portions of single doses to include signature verifications of two licensed personnel.
- (6) Controlled substance container requirement. Controlled substances must be dispensed in a container that allows verification of individual doses. Containers for solid oral doses must allow identification of individual doses and individual accountability.

- (7) Medications brought by patients. When patients bring drugs into the facility, the pharmacy may handle these drugs in accordance with guidelines established jointly by the facility and the pharmacy.

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-24-.03 DRUG DISTRIBUTION, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-24-.03 DRUG DISTRIBUTION**

- Purpose:** To update, clarify, and provide greater flexibility to additional areas of need in the Board's regulation of pharmacies providing services to healthcare facilities and provision of emergency kits in healthcare facilities.
- Main Features:** The proposed rule repeals and replaces the existing rule governing physical requirements for drug storage to establish comprehensive requirements for the distribution and dispensing of medications to institutional facilities. The rule establishes requirements for prescription orders, prohibits standing medication orders, specifies permissible methods for receiving prescriptions, and requires medications to be supplied by pharmacies holding retail pharmacy permits. Additionally, the rule establishes requirements for controlled substance accountability, documentation, and packaging, and addresses the handling of medications brought into facilities by patients.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-24-.03 DRUG DISTRIBUTION**

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Rule 480-24-.03. ~~Physical Requirements~~Repealed.

- (1) ~~The Vendor Pharmacist shall establish standards to ensure that all drugs are stored in a manner sufficient to insure the proper sanitation, temperature, light, ventilation, moisture control, segregation, and security.~~

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-24-.04 DRUG DISTRIBUTION**

Purpose: To repeal outdated, outmoded, and/or ambiguous and uncertain regulation, and replace with a uniform regulatory scheme.

Main Features: Repeal of the rule in its entirety.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-24-.04 DRUG DISTRIBUTION**

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Rule 480-24-.04. ~~Drug Distribution~~Repealed.

- ~~(1) Dispensing of all drugs to the facility shall be pursuant to a legal prescription drug order for an individual patients. Standing medication orders shall not be allowed. Policies may be established by the vendor pharmacist in conjunction with the appropriate committee of the facility. All drugs supplied to the facility must be obtained from a pharmacy having a retail pharmacy permit.~~
- ~~(2) For use inside the facility, all drugs dispensed shall be dispensed in appropriate containers, as defined by the Food and Drug Administration and the Consumer Protection Agency, and adequately labeled with the following information:~~
 - ~~(a) Name, address, and telephone number of the pharmacy;~~
 - ~~(b) Date of issuance and identifying serial number;~~
 - ~~(c) Full name of patient;~~
 - ~~(d) Brand and/or generic name of drug, strength, and quantity dispensed;~~
 - ~~(e) Directions for use, which may be placed on the container label or on a Medication Administration Record available and consulted at the time of the administration of each dose, provided, however, that both methods may be utilized inside a single facility;~~
 - ~~(f) Name of physician prescribing;~~
 - ~~(g) Required precautionary information regarding controlled substances;~~
 - ~~(h) Such other and further accessory cautionary information as may be required or desirable for proper use and absolute safety to the patient; and~~
 - ~~(i) Expiration date.~~
- ~~(3) If a unit dose drug distribution system is utilized, the above information shall be readily available on the patient medication profile. A drug distribution system in a long term care facility may be regarded as a unit dose drug distribution system if:~~
 - ~~(a) The pharmacist maintains medication profiles on each patient and refers to these files each time a medication is filled;~~
 - ~~(b) Doses of solid oral medications dispensed are pharmacy prepared or manufacturer-prepared in individually packaged and sealed doses which are identifiable and properly labeled to include, at a minimum:~~
 - ~~1. Brand and/or generic name of the drug;~~
 - ~~2. Strength;~~
 - ~~3. Lot number; and~~
 - ~~4. Expiration date.~~
 - ~~(c) Doses of medication for individual patients are placed into individual patient containers, bins, compartments, or drawers and whenever possible, are subdivided by dose and administration time and not to exceed a 72-hour supply. Drug distribution systems which exceed a 72-hour supply must follow labeling requirements of 480-24-.04(2).~~
- ~~(4) Partial filling of Schedule II drugs will be allowed but limited to 60 days only.~~
- ~~(5) Drugs added to parenteral, enteral, or irrigation solutions. Whenever any drugs are added to such solutions, whether within or outside the direct and personal supervision of a registered pharmacist, such admixture shall be labeled with a distinctive supplementary label indicating the name and amount of the drug added, date and time of addition, expiration date and time if applicable, and identity of the person so adding.~~

~~(6) Prescription drug orders.~~

- ~~(a) Drugs may be dispensed or administered only upon orders of an authorized prescriber. For schedule II drugs refer to the Georgia Controlled Substances Act, Code Section 16-13-41, and Chapter 480-22 of the Board rules and regulations. For other drugs orders may be received by the pharmacy by fax or delivery of:
 - 1. A direct copy of a prescription drug order;
 - 2. Obtaining a signed prescription drug order from the prescriber; or
 - 3. A verbal or telephone order from an authorized prescriber or duly authorized agent.~~
- ~~(b) The consultant pharmacist will verify orders as required by current state and federal laws, rules and regulations.~~
- ~~(c) For purposes of recordkeeping under this chapter, all original prescriptions, those hard copies written by a practitioner, telephoned to the pharmacist by a practitioner and reduced to writing, or sent via facsimile machine or other electronic means must be retained as a permanent record for two years in the retail pharmacy and must be filed by the usually consecutively serial numbered prescription file or by patient name or by any other means that assures a complete, retrievable and accurate record. Any refill information subsequently authorized by a practitioner must be maintained in the manner required by O.C.G.A. § 26-4-80(3).~~

~~(7) Emergency kits. Emergency kits may be placed in licensed nursing homes by the pharmacy of the consultant or vendor pharmacist provided the following guidelines are met:~~

- ~~(a) A record of the drugs to be kept in an emergency drug kit be kept in the nursing home and the provider pharmacy;~~
- ~~(b) Drugs shall not be accessed for use from the emergency drug kit in an emergency situation without a new prescription drug order from a licensed practitioner. A valid, signed prescription drug order for any such drug must be issued to the vendor pharmacy, supplying the emergency drug kit, within 72 hours of the drug being taken from the kit.~~
- ~~(c) Emergency drug kits shall be stored in limited access areas and sealed to prevent unauthorized access and to insure a proper environment for preservation of the drugs therein. The provider pharmacy shall develop a method to readily determine if an emergency drug kit has been accessed without authorization;~~
- ~~(d) An emergency drug kit must be inventoried at least once a month by a pharmacist from the provider pharmacy and sign a card attached to the kit indicating the date it was inspected. The provider pharmacy must maintain an adequate record of such inspections.~~
- ~~(e) Special Agents of the GDNA shall have the authority to check emergency drug kits as well as the records in the provider pharmacy to determine that drugs and records are accurate and the emergency drug kit is being properly used;~~
- ~~(f) The provider pharmacy must apply on an individual basis to the Board, in care of the GDNA Director, for approval to place an emergency drug kit in each individual nursing home and a copy of this approval will be kept on file in both the nursing home and the provider pharmacy. Upon recommendation by the GDNA Director, the Board may revoke the approval for an emergency drug kit in any nursing home where abuse or misuse of drugs from the emergency drug kit is used for any purpose other than emergency purposes;~~

- (g) ~~The Board shall have the authority to approve on an individual basis the drugs and the amounts of each individual drug allowed to be kept in an emergency drug kit. Any change in the drugs and amounts kept in a kit must be submitted in writing to the GDNA Director who shall make recommendations to the Board. After Board approval, a copy of this approval will be maintained in the GDNA provider pharmacy file and by the nursing home. Any emergency drug kit approval becomes null and void once the approved pharmacy ceases to provide that kit.~~
- (h) ~~Each solid oral dosage form placed in an emergency drug kit must be individually labeled with the name and strength of the drug, lot number, expiration date, and other appropriate cautionary information; and~~
- (i) ~~The exterior of an emergency drug kit shall be labeled so as to clearly and unmistakably indicate that it is an emergency drug kit and is for "EMERGENCY USE ONLY", and the label shall be physically signed and dated by the pharmacist who sealed the kit. In addition, a listing of the drugs contained therein, including the name, address, and telephone number(s) of the provider pharmacy shall be attached to both the exterior and the interior of an emergency drug kit.~~
- (8) ~~Accountability of scheduled drugs and other specified drugs.~~
- (a) ~~Proof of use. Proof of use of Schedule II, III, IV and V controlled substances and such other drugs as may be specified by the appropriate committee of the facility, shall be upon proof of use forms which shall specify at a minimum:~~
- ~~1. Name and strength of the drug;~~
 - ~~2. Dose and route of administration for the drug;~~
 - ~~3. Name of ordering prescriber;~~
 - ~~4. Name of patient;~~
 - ~~5. Date and time of administration to patient;~~
 - ~~6. Signature and title of individual administering the medication; and 7. Documentation of destruction of all unused portions of single doses shall include signature verifications of two licensed authorized personnel.~~
- (b) ~~Container requirement. Any medication that has to be counted and accounted for with proof of use forms must be dispensed in a container that allows verification of individual doses. Containers for solid oral doses must allow identification of individual doses and individual accountability.~~
- (9)(1) ~~Medications brought by patients. When patients bring drugs into the facility, such drugs shall be sent to the vendor pharmacist who shall handle these drugs in accordance with guidelines established by the appropriate committee within the facility.~~

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-24-.04 PRESCRIPTION LABELING, 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 to adopt a new rule, or amend or repeal a rule of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy, to wit: Rule 480-24-.04 PRESCRIPTION LABELING (hereinafter “proposed amendments”).

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RULE 480-24-.04 PRESCRIPTION LABELING**

- Purpose:** To update, clarify, and provide greater flexibility to additional areas of need in the Board's regulation of pharmacies providing services to healthcare facilities and provision of emergency kits in healthcare facilities.
- Main Features:** The proposed rule repeals and replaces the existing rule governing drug distribution to establish specific requirements for prescription labeling in institutional facilities. The rule retains and clarifies existing labeling requirements, including pharmacy and patient identification, drug information, directions for use, precautionary statements, and expiration or beyond-use dates. Provisions governing drug distribution, prescription orders, emergency drug kits, and controlled substance accountability are removed from this rule and addressed separately within the revised chapter.

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RULE 480-24-.04 PRESCRIPTION LABELING**

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Rule 480-24-.04. Prescription Labeling

- (1) All drugs for use inside the facility shall be dispensed in appropriate containers, as defined by state and federal law, and adequately labeled with the following information:
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**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-24-.05 DUTIES OF CONSULTANT PHARMACIST, AND NOTICE OF
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Main Features: Repeal of the rule in its entirety.

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Rule 480-24-.05. Drug Destruction and Removal

- (1) Removal of dangerous drugs and controlled substances from the facility
 - (a) A pharmacist, pharmacist intern, or pharmacy technician shall identify and process drugs at the facility to be returned to the pharmacy or for destruction as outlined in this rule.
 - (b) Drugs shall be returned to the pharmacy by a pharmacist, pharmacist intern, pharmacy technician, or pharmacy courier.
 - (c) Drugs returned to the pharmacy shall be stored separately from active inventory and may not be dispensed, distributed, or administered unless otherwise allowed by law or rule.
- (2) Documentation - A pharmacist shall conduct an inventory of dangerous drugs and controlled substances before they are destroyed or removed from the facility.
 - (a) The inventory shall include the following:
 1. Date of the inventory;
 2. Name of the patient;
 3. Name and strength of the drug;
 4. Quantity of the drugs;
 5. Identifying serial numbers of the prescriptions;
 6. Name and address of the issuing pharmacy;
 7. Name and address of the facility;
 8. Name and signature of the pharmacist conducting the inventory;
 9. Name and signature of at least one witness to the inventory who can be another licensed health care provider;
 10. Date the drugs were removed from the facility (if applicable); and
 11. Date the drugs were returned to the pharmacy (if applicable).
 12. For destruction:
 - (i) Method of destruction;
 - (ii) Date and time of destruction;
 - (iii) Name and signature of the pharmacist destroying the drugs
 - (iv) Name and signature of at least one witness who can be another licensed health care provider
 - (b) The inventory shall be kept with the drugs until they are returned to the pharmacy or destroyed.
 - (c) A copy of the inventory shall be provided to the facility before the drugs are removed or within five (5) business days after they are removed.
 - (d) The pharmacy shall keep a copy of the inventory in either paper or electronic form for two years.
- (3) Controlled substances and dangerous drugs may be destroyed on-site at the facility or returned to the pharmacy for destruction in compliance with state and federal law and regulations regarding destruction and environmental requirements.
- (4) Nothing in this rule is intended to prohibit the destruction of drugs through the use of a receptacle by an authorized collector as outlined in Rule 480-50.

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-24-.05 DRUG DESTRUCTION AND REMOVAL, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

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RULE 480-24-.05 DRUG DESTRUCTION AND REMOVAL**

- Purpose:** To update, clarify, and provide greater flexibility to additional areas of need in the Board's regulation of pharmacies providing services to healthcare facilities and provision of emergency kits in healthcare facilities.
- Main Features:** The proposed rule repeals and replaces the existing rule governing the duties of consultant pharmacists to establish comprehensive requirements for the removal, return, and destruction of dangerous drugs and controlled substances from institutional facilities. The rule establishes procedures for identifying, handling, transporting, and segregating medications designated for return or destruction, including specific inventory, documentation, and recordkeeping requirements. Additionally, the rule authorizes on-site destruction or return to the pharmacy for destruction in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and recognizes the use of authorized drug collection receptacles.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-24-.05 DRUG DESTRUCTION AND REMOVAL**

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Rule 480-24-.05. ~~Duties of Consultant Pharmacist~~Repealed.

- ~~(1) A pharmacist serving as a consultant to a facility must contract with the facility in writing for those services. Notification must also be made to the Board in writing when a pharmacist becomes a consultant to a facility. The pharmacist must also notify the Board when the consultant services are terminated with a facility. When providing contracted services the consultant pharmacist is held to the same professional standards for a licensed pharmacist as set forth in state law and by the rules and regulations of the Board.~~
- ~~(2) The pharmacist, through the appropriate committee within the facility, shall establish policies and procedures for safe and effective drug therapy, distribution, use, and control. At a minimum, the pharmacist shall:~~
- ~~(a) Make periodic inspections, which shall occur at least every 30 days, of drugs and medication records kept within the facility. A written report of inspection shall be maintained at the facility; and,~~
 - ~~(b)(a) Remove for proper disposal any drugs or narcotics which are in a deteriorated condition, expired, discontinued for use, or the patient for whom they are ordered is no longer a patient. These drugs shall be the responsibility of the vendor pharmacy.~~

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-24-.06 DESTRUCTION OF DRUGS, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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This 19th day of October, 2026.



J. Clinton Joiner, II
Executive Director
Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Posted: October 19, 2026.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-24-.06 DESTRUCTION OF DRUGS**

Purpose: To repeal outdated, outmoded, and/or ambiguous and uncertain regulation, and replace with a uniform regulatory scheme.

Main Features: Repeal of the rule in its entirety.

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RULE 480-24-.06 DESTRUCTION OF DRUGS**

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Rule 480-24-.06. ~~Destruction of Drugs~~Repealed.

~~(1) The following methods of destruction of non-controlled substances are approved by the Board for medications dispensed to patients residing in long term care facilities (nursing home or skilled nursing facility) or other facility where a consultant pharmacist's services are required under state or federal regulations:~~

~~(a) When non-controlled drugs are expired, discontinued from use or the patient for whom they were ordered is no longer a patient, the drugs shall be immediately removed from the active stock and inventoried by two people who shall both be licensed as a pharmacist, a nurse, or a licensed practical nurse. The completed inventory record shall be signed and dated by these two individuals. The original inventory record shall be maintained by the facility for two years, and a copy shall be kept with the drugs until their final disposition. Once inventoried, these drugs can either be:~~

- ~~1. Placed in a secure storage area at the facility separated from medications with active orders. The drugs can be destroyed at the facility by the consultant pharmacist and another pharmacist, nurse, or licensed practical nurse designated by the facility. However, before the destruction can take place it must be verified that an inventory has been taken and recorded. The facility must maintain a written record of the destruction along with the inventory record for two years. This record shall include at a minimum the date, time, personnel involved with the destruction and the method of destruction; or~~
- ~~2. Removed from the facility and kept by the pharmacist until they are returned to the vendor pharmacy for destruction. The pharmacist shall make a receipt for the drugs removed, and the original receipt shall be kept by the facility and a copy of the receipt shall be kept by the pharmacist. The receipt shall reflect: the date the drugs were removed from the facility, the name of the person removing the drugs, the name and address of the pharmacy to which the drugs have been removed. Both the receipt and its copy must be maintained for two years. Before any drugs can be removed for destruction, their inventory must be verified by at least one pharmacist and one other licensed health care practitioner. Once taken to the vendor pharmacy, the drugs must be stored in a secure, location, separate from active inventory, within the pharmacy. When the drugs are disposed of, a record of such disposal of the drugs shall be maintained by the vendor pharmacy for two years. The disposal record shall include at a minimum:~~

~~(i) If the drugs are destroyed at the pharmacy:~~

~~(I) Manner of destruction;~~

~~(II) Date and time of destruction;~~

~~(III) Names of at least one pharmacist and one other licensed health care practitioner witnessing the destruction.~~

~~(ii) If the drugs for destruction are removed from the pharmacy by transfer to a reverse distributor with a current permit issued by the Board:~~

~~(I) The date and time the drugs were taken from the pharmacy;~~

~~(II) The name, Board permit number, address, and telephone number of the reverse distributor removing the drugs;~~

~~(III) —The name and signature of the responsible person representing the reverse distributor physically removing the drugs;~~

~~(IV) —The name and signature of the pharmacist transferring the drugs to the reverse distributor.~~

~~(2) The following methods of on-site destruction of controlled substances are approved by the Board:~~

~~(a) When controlled drugs are expired, discontinued from use or the patient for whom they are ordered is no longer a patient, the medication shall be removed from the active stock of the facility immediately and inventoried and verified by two people who shall both be licensed as a pharmacist, a nurse, or a licensed practical nurse. The completed inventory record shall be signed and dated by those two individuals. An inventory form will be established by the pharmacist, which must include the following data:~~

- ~~1. Date of discontinuance or inventory date;~~
- ~~2. Name of patient;~~
- ~~3. Name of issuing pharmacy;~~
- ~~4. Identifying serial numbers of the prescriptions;~~
- ~~5. Name and strength of drug; and~~
- ~~6. Quantities of drugs in containers when inventoried.~~

~~(b) After being removed from active stock, controlled substances to be destroyed must be placed in a secure cabinet or area as identified by the consultant or vendor pharmacist.~~

~~(c) On-site destruction can be as follows:~~

- ~~1. The consultant or vendor pharmacist will notify the GDNA as to the date and time the destruction will take place at least two weeks prior to destruction at the facility. (Please note that the consultant may set up a specific schedule of destruction—an example would be the first Tuesday in each month at 10:00 a.m.)~~
- ~~2. Three licensed professionals or law enforcement officers, one of whom must be a pharmacist, must witness the destruction of these drugs.~~
- ~~3. Destruction must take place within the facility.~~
- ~~4. Inventory of final destruction must be taken in duplicate, one copy shall be retained by the facility, and one copy shall be retained by the consultant pharmacist. The inventory shall be certified by all three witnesses present at the destruction in the following format:~~

~~"We, whose signatures appear below, certify that these controlled substances have been reconciled, accounted for, and destroyed at _____(location) on _____(date) at _____ o'clock."~~

~~_____(Signature)~~

~~_____(Signature)~~

~~_____(Signature)~~

~~5. The Board and/or the GDNA, or the DEA, may prohibit any consultant pharmacist or facility from utilizing this method.~~

~~(3) Methods of off-site destruction as follows:~~

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 - ~~1. Date of discontinuance or inventory date;~~
 - ~~2. Full name of patient;~~
 - ~~3. Name of issuing pharmacy;~~
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 - ~~6. Quantities of drugs in containers when inventoried.~~~~
- ~~(b) After being removed from active stock, controlled substances to be destroyed must be placed in a secure cabinet or area as identified by the consultant or vendor pharmacist.~~
- ~~(c) The drugs, along with a copy of the permanent record, can then be transferred to the vendor pharmacy by the consultant pharmacist to hold for disposal by a Board licensed reverse drug distributor or by a GDNA Agent. The consultant pharmacist shall make a receipt for the drugs removed, and the original receipt is to be kept by the facility and a copy of the receipt kept by the consultant pharmacist, both for two years. The receipt shall reflect at a minimum:
 - ~~1. The date the drugs were removed from the facility;~~
 - ~~2. The name and signature of the consultant pharmacist removing the drugs;~~
 - ~~3. The name and signature of the Director of Nursing witnessing the drug removal;~~
 - ~~4. The name and address of the pharmacy to which the drugs are being removed.~~~~
- ~~(d) Once received by the pharmacy, the drugs for disposal must be stored in a secure location within the pharmacy. When disposal of the drugs takes place, a record of the disposal will be maintained by the pharmacy for two years. The type of disposal record shall be, either:
 - ~~1. On a separate receipt showing the drugs for destruction were removed from the pharmacy by transfer to a Board licensed reverse distributor, showing:
 - ~~(i) The date and time the drugs were taken from the pharmacy;~~
 - ~~(ii) The name, address, telephone number and Board permit number of the reverse distribution firm taking possession of the drug;~~
 - ~~(iii) The name and signature of the responsible person representing the reverse distributor firm and physically removing the drugs;~~
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 - ~~(v) A copy of the permanent drug inventory destruction record from the facility; or~~~~
 - ~~2. On the permanent record showing the drugs were destroyed by a GDNA Agent with:
 - ~~(i) The signature of the GDNA Agent;~~
 - ~~(ii) The signature of the pharmacy manager as listed on the pharmacy license; and~~~~~~

(iii)(i) ~~The date and time of the drug destruction.~~

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-24-.06 EMERGENCY DRUG KITS, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

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RULE 480-24-.06 EMERGENCY DRUG KITS**

- Purpose:** To update, clarify, and provide greater flexibility to additional areas of need in the Board's regulation of pharmacies providing services to healthcare facilities and provision of emergency kits in healthcare facilities.
- Main Features:** The proposed rule repeals and replaces the existing rule governing drug destruction to establish comprehensive requirements for the placement, approval, operation, and oversight of emergency drug kits in nursing homes, hospice facilities, crisis stabilization units, and other authorized locations. The rule establishes requirements for Board approval, medication quantities, storage and security, prescription orders, inventory inspections, labeling, and recordkeeping. Additionally, the rule expressly permits the use of automated dispensing cabinets and manual locking storage devices while establishing requirements for pharmacy oversight and accountability.

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RULE 480-24-.06 EMERGENCY DRUG KITS**

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Rule 480-24-.06. Emergency Drug Kits

- (1) Request and Approval
 - (a) A retail pharmacy may request approval from the Board to place an emergency drug kit in a licensed nursing home, hospice facility, CSU, or other location as allowed.
 - (b) Such a request shall be submitted in writing in a manner outlined by the Board.
 - (c) A pharmacy may not utilize an emergency drug kit unless approved by the Board.
- (2) Emergency drug kit medications shall be administered to patients only for emergency use and when medications are otherwise unavailable pursuant to a valid prescription order.
- (3) Emergency drug kits may contain a maximum of a 30-day supply of each medication.
- (4) A record of the drugs kept in an emergency drug kit must be kept in the facility and the pharmacy.
- (5) A valid, signed prescription order for any such drug must be issued to the pharmacy, supplying the emergency drug kit, within 72 hours of the drug being taken from the kit.
- (6) The pharmacy may utilize an automated dispensing cabinet or manual locking storage device.
 - (a) Automated dispensing cabinets shall be stored in a limited or controlled access area.
 - (b) Manual locking storage devices shall be stored in a secured room, secured cabinet/cart, or affixed to a permanent structure such as a wall or the floor.
 - (c) Nothing in this section is intended to limit the access of healthcare professionals to medications in an emergency.
- (7) Storage of the emergency drug kit shall ensure a proper environment for preservation of the drugs therein.
- (8) The pharmacy shall develop a method to readily determine if an emergency drug kit has been accessed without authorization.
- (9) An emergency drug kit must be inventoried at least once a month by a pharmacist. Such inspections must be documented and maintained by the pharmacy.
- (10) GDNA shall have the authority to check emergency drug kits as well as the records in the pharmacy to determine that drugs and records are accurate and the emergency drug kit is being properly used.
- (11) The pharmacy is responsible for ensuring that each facility where an emergency drug kit is utilized is licensed at all times as either a nursing home, hospice facility, CSU, or other facility as allowed.

- (12) The pharmacy must maintain a list of the facilities where emergency drug kits are utilized. Such a list must include the name, address, and contact information for each facility. This list must be immediately available upon request during inspection by GDNA.
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- (14) The exterior of an emergency drug kit shall be labeled with the pharmacy's name, address, and telephone number(s). A listing of the drugs contained in the emergency kit shall be either attached to the outside of the kit, placed inside the kit, or immediately available to the facility staff in another manner that facilitates patient care.

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-24-.07 HOSPICE EMERGENCY DRUG KITS, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING

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RULE 480-24-.07 HOSPICE EMERGENCY DRUG KITS**

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Rule 480-24-.07. ~~Hospice Emergency Drug Kits~~Repealed.

~~Emergency Drug Kits may be placed in licensed hospices by the pharmacy of the consultant or vendor pharmacist provided the following guidelines are met:~~

- ~~(1) A record of the drugs to be kept in an emergency drug kit to be kept in the hospice and the provider pharmacy;~~
- ~~(2) Drugs shall not be accessed for use from the emergency drug kit in an emergency situation without a new prescription drug order from a licensed practitioner. A valid, signed prescription drug order for any such drug must be issued to the vendor pharmacy, supplying the emergency drug kit, within 72 hours of the drug being taken from the kit.~~
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- ~~(5) Special Agents of the GDNA shall have the authority to check emergency drug kits as well as the records in the provider pharmacy to determine that drugs and records are accurate and the emergency drug kit is being properly used;~~
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GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-24-.07 RECORD RETENTION, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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RULE 480-24-.07 RECORD RETENTION**

- Purpose:** To update, clarify, and provide greater flexibility to additional areas of need in the Board's regulation of pharmacies providing services to healthcare facilities and provision of emergency kits in healthcare facilities.
- Main Features:** The proposed rule repeals and replaces the existing rule governing hospice emergency drug kits to establish uniform record retention requirements for pharmacies providing services under Chapter 480-24. The rule requires pharmacies to retain all records required by the chapter for a period of two years and to make such records immediately available to the Board or Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency during inspections. Provisions governing hospice emergency drug kits are consolidated into the revised Rule 480-24-.06.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-24-.07 RECORD RETENTION**

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

Text of the proposed rule is attached hereto.

Rule 480-24-.07. Record Retention

All records required by this chapter shall be retained by the pharmacy for two years and made immediately available to the Board or GDNA during inspections.

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-24-.08 CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT (CSU) EMERGENCY DRUG KITS,
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 to adopt a new rule, or amend or repeal a rule of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy, to wit: Rule 480-24-.08 CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT (CSU) EMERGENCY DRUG KITS (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 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy’s web page at www.gbp.georgia.gov.

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At its meeting on August 19, 2026, 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 August 19, 2026, 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 19th day of October, 2026.



J. Clinton Joiner, II
Executive Director
Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Posted: October 19, 2026.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-24-.08 CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT (CSU) EMERGENCY DRUG KITS**

Purpose: To repeal outdated, outmoded, and/or ambiguous and uncertain regulation, and replace with a uniform regulatory scheme.

Main Features: Repeal of the rule in its entirety.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-24-.08 CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT (CSU) EMERGENCY DRUG KITS**

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Text of the proposed rule is attached hereto.

Rule 480-24-.08. ~~Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) Emergency Drug Kits~~Repealed.

~~Emergency drug kits may be placed in licensed Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU) by the pharmacy of the consultant or vendor pharmacist provided the following conditions are met:~~

- ~~(1) A record of the drugs to be kept in an emergency drug kit must be kept in the CSU and the provider pharmacy;~~
- ~~(2) Drugs shall not be accessed for use from the emergency drug kit in an emergency situation without a prescription drug order from a licensed practitioner. A valid, signed prescription drug order for any such drug must be issued to the vendor pharmacy, supplying the emergency drug kit, within 72 hours of the drug being taken from the kit;~~
 - ~~(a) Whenever an emergency drug kit is accessed and a drug is removed, personnel shall immediately reseal the kit with a tamper proof, serial-numbered seal, with the seal serial number to be recorded in a log along with the name of the person removing the drug and resealing the kit and date the kit was opened;~~
- ~~(3) Emergency drug kits shall be stored in limited access areas and sealed to prevent unauthorized access and to insure a proper environment for preservation of the drugs therein. The provider pharmacy shall develop a method to readily determine if an emergency drug kit has been accessed without authorization;~~
- ~~(4) An emergency drug kit must be inventoried once a month by a pharmacist from the provider pharmacy and sign a card attached to the kit indicating the date it was inspected. The provider pharmacy must maintain an adequate record of such inspections;~~
- ~~(5) Special Agents of the GDNA shall have the authority to check emergency drug kits as well as the records in the provider pharmacy to determine that drugs and records are accurate and the emergency drug kit is being properly used;~~
- ~~(6) The provider pharmacy must apply on an individual basis to the Board, in care of the GDNA Director, for approval to place an emergency drug kit in each individual CSU and a copy of this approval will be kept on file in both the CSU and the provider pharmacy. Upon recommendation by the GDNA Director, the Board may revoke the approval for an emergency drug kit in any CSU where abuse or misuse of drugs from the emergency drug kit is noted;~~
- ~~(7) The Board shall have the authority to approve on an individual basis the drugs and the amounts of each individual drug allowed to be kept in an emergency drug kit. Any change in the drugs and amounts kept in a kit must be submitted in writing to the GDNA Director who shall make recommendations to the Board. After Board approval, a copy of this approval will be maintained in the GDNA provider pharmacy file and by the CSU. Any emergency drug kit approval becomes null and void once the approved pharmacy ceases to provide that kit;~~
- ~~(8) Each solid oral dosage form placed in an emergency drug kit must be individually labeled with the name and strength of the drug, lot number, expiration date, and other appropriate cautionary information; and~~
- (9)(1) ~~The exterior of an emergency drug kit shall be labeled so as to clearly and unmistakably indicate that it is an emergency drug kit and is for "EMERGENCY USE ONLY", and the label shall be physically signed and dated by the pharmacist who sealed the kit. In addition, a listing of the drugs contained therein, including the name, address, and telephone number(s)~~

of the provider pharmacy shall be attached to both the exterior and the interior of an emergency drug kit.

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-27-.07 DANGEROUS PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER TRANSFER, 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 to adopt a new rule, or amend or repeal a rule of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy, to wit: Rule 480-27-.07 DANGEROUS PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER TRANSFER (hereinafter "proposed amendments").

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At its meeting on July 22, 2026, 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 July 22, 2026, 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 19th day of October, 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Clinton Joiner, II', is written over a horizontal line.

J. Clinton Joiner, II
Executive Director
Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Posted: October 19, 2026.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-27-.07 DANGEROUS PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER TRANSFER**

- Purpose:** To establish a unified regulatory framework, eliminate duplicative requirements, and provide consistent standards for prescription transfers between pharmacies.
- Main Features:** The proposed repeal eliminates the separate rules governing prescription drug order copies, dangerous drug prescription transfers, and controlled substance prescription transfers. These provisions are consolidated into amended Rule 480-22-.11.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-27-.07 DANGEROUS PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER TRANSFER**

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Rule 480-27-.07. ~~Dangerous Prescription Drug Order Transfer~~Repealed.

~~A pharmacy utilizing an automated electronic data processing system must satisfy all the information requirements as that used in a manual mode when transferring an original dangerous drug prescription drug order. The transfer of original prescription drug information for the purpose of refill dispensing is permissible between pharmacies subject to the following requirements:~~

~~(a) — The prescription drug order is transmitted directly to the pharmacy of the patient's choice.~~

~~(b) — The transfer is communicated directly between licensed pharmacists or licensed interns or externs under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist and the transferring pharmacist or intern or extern records the following information:~~

~~1. — The word "VOID" is written on the face of the invalidated prescription drug order, and/or indicate in the pharmacy's electronic data system this prescription is void;~~

~~2. — Record on the reverse of the invalidated prescription drug order the name and address of the pharmacy to which it was transferred and the name of the pharmacist or intern or extern under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist receiving the prescription drug order information, or have the electronic data system reflect the fact that the prescription drug order has been transferred, the name and address of the pharmacy to which it was transferred and the name of the pharmacist or intern or extern under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist to which it was transferred, and the date of the transfer; and~~

~~3. — Record the date of the transfer and the name of the pharmacist or intern or extern under direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist transferring the information.~~

~~(c) — The pharmacist or intern or extern under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist receiving the transferred prescription drug order shall reduce to writing, or cause the computer to reduce to writing, the following information which shall be filed as required by O.C.G.A. Title 16, Chapter 13 and Title 25, Chapter 4:~~

~~1. — The word "TRANSFER" shall be written on the face of the transferred prescription and/or indicate in the pharmacy's electronic data system this prescription was a transfer;~~

~~2. — All information required to be included on the prescription drug order pursuant to all State and Federal laws and regulations shall be provided which shall include at a minimum the following:~~

~~(i) — Date of issuance of the original prescription drug order;~~

~~(ii) — Original number of refills authorized on the original prescription drug order;~~

~~(iii) — Date of original dispensing;~~

~~(iv) — Number of valid refills remaining and date of last refill;~~

~~(v) — The pharmacy's name, address, and original prescription serial number from which the prescription drug order information was transferred; and~~

~~(vi) — Name of transferring pharmacist.~~

~~3. — Both the original and transferred prescription must be maintained for a period of two years from the date of last refill.~~

~~(d) — Pharmacies accessing a common electronic file or database used to maintain required dispensing information are not required to record on the original hard copy prescription drug order any information when transferring or refilling prescription drug orders as required for pharmacies not utilizing a common electronic file as noted in this Chapter. However, a hard copy of the prescription drug order must be generated and maintained by the pharmacist refilling or receiving the electronically transferred prescription drug order information. The common database must contain complete records of each prescription drug order transferred.~~

~~Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 16-13-39, 26-4-5, 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 26-4-37, 26-4-80, 26-4-83.~~

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULE
RULE 480-27-.08 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER
TRANSFER, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

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Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Posted: October 19, 2026.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-27-.08 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER
TRANSFER**

- Purpose:** To establish a unified regulatory framework, eliminate duplicative requirements, and provide consistent standards for prescription transfers between pharmacies.
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**TEXT OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-27-.08 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER
TRANSFER**

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Rule 480-27-.08. ~~Controlled Substance Prescription Drug Order Transfer~~Repealed.

~~Pharmacies utilizing automated data processing systems must satisfy all information requirements of a manual mode for prescription transferal. The transfer of original prescription information for a controlled substance list in Schedules III, IV or V for the purpose of refill dispensing is permissible between pharmacies on a one-time basis only. Transfers are subject to the following requirements:~~

~~(a) — The transfer is communicated directly between licensed pharmacists or intern or extern under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist, and the transferring pharmacist or intern or extern records the following information:~~

- ~~1. — The word "VOID" is written on the face of the invalidated prescription drug order;~~
- ~~2. — Record on the reverse side of the invalidated prescription drug order the name and address of the pharmacy to which it was transferred and the name of the pharmacist or intern or extern receiving the prescription drug order;~~
- ~~3. — The date of the transfer and the name of the pharmacist or intern or extern transferring the information is recorded;~~
- ~~4. — The computer record shall reflect the fact that the prescription drug order has been transferred, the name of the pharmacy to which it was transferred, and the date of the transfer, except as otherwise set forth in this Chapter relating to pharmacies utilizing common databases.~~

~~(b) — The pharmacist or intern or extern receiving the transferred prescription information shall reduce to writing the following:~~

- ~~1. — The word "TRANSFER" is written on the face of the transferred prescription drug order;~~
- ~~2. — All information required to be on a prescription drug order pursuant to State and Federal laws and regulations shall be provided to the receiving pharmacist which shall include at a minimum the following:~~
 - ~~(i) — Date of issuance of the original prescription drug order;~~
 - ~~(ii) — Original number of refills authorized on the original prescription drug order;~~
 - ~~(iii) — Date of original dispensing;~~
 - ~~(iv) — Number of valid refills remaining and date of last refill;~~
 - ~~(v) — Pharmacy's name, address, DEA registration number, telephone number and original prescription drug order serial number from which the prescription information was transferred;~~
 - ~~(vi) — Name of transferring pharmacist or intern or extern.~~

~~(c) — Both the original and transferred prescription drug order must be maintained for a period of two years from the date of last refill.~~

(d) — ~~Pharmacies accessing a common electronic file or database used to maintain required dispensing information are not required to record on the original prescription drug order any information when transferring or refilling prescription drug orders as required for pharmacies not utilizing a common electronic file as noted in this Chapter. A hard copy of the prescription drug order must be generated and maintained by the pharmacist refilling the electronically transferred prescription drug order. The common database must contain complete records of each prescription drug order transferred.~~

~~Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 16-13-39, 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 26-4-80.~~