



The Office of Secretary of State

MEMORANDUM

TO: Georgia Pharmacies and Pharmacists

FROM: Georgia Board of Pharmacy

DATE: January 12, 2012

RE: Rule Interpretation: 480-27-.07 Dangerous Prescription Drug Order Transfer.

On January 11, 2012, the Georgia Board of Pharmacy reviewed its rule regarding the transfer of dangerous prescription drug orders in order to clarify how an order transfer is communicated between licensed pharmacists. Specifically providing an interpretation of Board Rule 480-27-.07 (b). The Board rule reads:

480-27-.07 Dangerous Prescription Drug Order Transfer.

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:

The Georgia Board of Pharmacy has ruled that in section 480-27-.07(b), communication directly between licensed pharmacists means to transfer orally, by facsimile, or computer to computer.

Rule 480-27-.07 may be reviewed in its entirety at the Board's website at <http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/pharmacy/>.