

**(FINAL/APPROVED)**

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY  
MINUTES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

February 13, 2019  
Second Floor  
Hearing Room 5

Department of Health Professions  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233

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**CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of an informal conference committee of the Board of Pharmacy was called to order at 9:07 AM.

**PRESIDING:** Rafael Saenz, Committee Chairman

**MEMBER PRESENT:** Ryan Logan

**STAFF PRESENT:** Caroline D. Juran, Executive Director  
Sammy Johnson, Deputy Executive Director  
Ellen Shinaberry, Deputy Executive Director  
Mykl Egan, DHP Adjudication Specialist  
Kiara Christian, Executive Assistant

**Partners Pharmacy Automatic Dispensing System AP Passport, Applicant** Nikki Bonas, pharmacist-in-charge of Partners Pharmacy; Jody Fenelon, Director of Compliance for Partners Pharmacy; and Frank Wang, Vice President of Operations for Partners Pharmacy were present to discuss the application, received October 17, 2018, for approval of an Innovative (Pilot) program from Partners Pharmacy of Virginia LLC. Partners Pharmacy is seeking to install a fully automated, remotely monitored medication dispensing center known as “AP PassPort” into long term care facilities located in the state of Virginia. Partners Pharmacy of Virginia LLC is seeking a waiver of 18 VAC 110-20-425 of the regulations governing the Practice of Pharmacy dealing with robotic pharmacy systems and any other regulations that would prevent the AP PassPort from being installed.

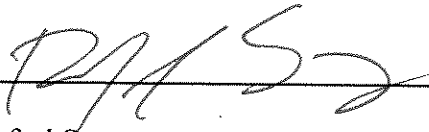
**Discussion:** Representatives of Partners Pharmacy of Virginia, LLC presented information about the available technology that allows automated disbursement and medication management for use in skilled facilities interested in using the fully supported pharmacy platform AP Passport. Statements made by the applicant indicated that Partners Pharmacy of Virginia would use AP Passport to package and monitor the disbursement of oral solid medications given to patients at skilled nursing facilities.

Decision:

After consideration of the application and statements concerning the proposed Innovative (Pilot) program, Mr. Saenz moved, and the Committee voted in favor of the motion, that the application for an Innovative (Pilot) program be approved, under certain terms and conditions, for a period of three (3) years beginning 30 days from the date the Order is entered by the board. The Order summarizing the terms and conditions will be prepared and mailed to the applicant.

ADJOURN:

With all business concluded, the meeting adjourned at 11:45AM.



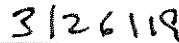
Rafael Saenz  
Committee Chairman



Date



Caroline D. Juran  
Executive Director



Date