

(FINAL/APPROVED)

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
PUBLIC HEARING FOR DELIVERY OF DISPENSED PRESCRIPTIONS;
LABELING**

June 16, 2020
Commonwealth Conference Center
Third Floor
Conference Room 5

Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463

CALL TO ORDER:

A Webex virtual public hearing was called to order at 9:04 a.m. Due to the COVID-19 declared state of emergency and consistent with Amendment 28 to HB29 (Budget Bill for 2018-2020) and the applicable provisions of § 2.2-3708.2 in the Freedom of Information Act, the Board convened a virtual meeting to consider such regulatory and business matters as was presented on the agenda necessary for the board to discharge its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

PRESIDING:

Cynthia Warriner, Chairman (on-site)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James L. Jenkins, Jr. (On-Site)

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING
VIRTUALLY:**

Kristopher S. Ratliff, Vice Chairman
Glen Bolyard
Melvin L. Boone, Sr.
Ryan Logan
Cheryl H. Nelson
Patricia Richards-Spruill
Rebecca Thornbury
William Lee

STAFF PRESENT:

Caroline D. Juran, Executive Director (On-Site)
James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General (On-Site)
Kiara Christian, Executive Assistant (On-Site)

**STAFF PARTICIPATING
VIRTUALLY:**

Annette Kelley, Deputy Executive Director
Beth O' Halloran, Deputy Executive Director
Ellen B. Shinaberry, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst, DHP
David E. Brown, D.C., Director, DHP
Barbara Allison-Bryant, MD, Chief Deputy, DHP

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Board intends to amend section 275 of Chapter 20 pertaining to the procedure for identifying all pharmacies involved in the filling and dispensing of a prescription. The amendment would specify that a unique identifier on the prescription label is not required to identify a pharmacy solely involved in the holding of a prescription for pick-up or further delivery when that pharmacy

has not shared in other filling or dispensing functions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

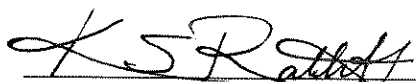
Lauren Paul, Sr. Director, Pharmacy Regulatory Affairs, CVS Caremark thanked the board for opportunity to comment. Petition was submitted in Sep 2017 to make changes to labeling when picking up a prescription from a pharmacy that was filled by a different pharmacy. She commented that this hearing is the sixth discussion through meetings, third formal comment period. She offered support of the amendment, and has spoken to the board multiple times. She pointed out in the Economic Impact Analysis provided by the Department of Planning and Budget in response to this petition that older adults and adults with visual impairments prefer larger size print on labels.

Christina Barrille, Executive Director, VPhA, thanked the board for the opportunity to provide comment. She referred to comment provided by Virginia pharmacists on the Regulatory Town Hall Website. She shared concerns regarding patient safety, if the chance for counseling from a pharmacist may be taken away and that senior citizens will be greatly impacted. Healthcare providers need to have access to information, having the complete information on the label will help if a provider needs to contact the pharmacy. She commented that the proposed amendment takes away a patient's choice of where to fill their pharmacy. She shared concerns from the Richmond Academy of Medicine indicating that pharmacists are not the only providers impacted by this change.

Mark Hickman representing the Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists asked the board to take context of the various situation of delivery sites and potential impact to pharmacist-patient relationship into consideration during their decision-making. He shared that VSHP will provide additional comment later if the Board approves the petition for rulemaking.

ADJOURN:

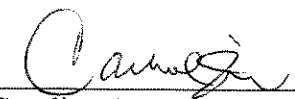
The public hearing adjourned at 9:21 am.



Cynthia Warriner, Chairman
KRISTOPHER S. RATLIFF

9-9-2020

Date



Caroline D. Juran, Executive Director

9/16/2020

Date