Chapter 25. Prescriptions, Drugs, and Devices

Subchapter B. Prescriptions

§2523. Transfer of Prescription or Prescription Information

- A. Prescription Transfer Requirements
 - 1. Prescriptions for Controlled Dangerous Substances
 - a. The transfer between pharmacies of a prescription or prescription information for controlled substances is permissible in conformance with <u>21 CFR Part 1306</u>.
 - 2. Prescriptions for Drugs Other Than Controlled Dangerous Substances
 - a. The transfer of a prescription or prescription information for the purpose of initial filling or refill dispensing is permissible between pharmacies, subject to the following requirements:
 - i. Prescriptions may be transferred for the life of the prescription.
 - ii. The transferring pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician shall do the following:
 - (a) Invalidate the prescription.
 - (b) Record on the invalidated prescription record the name and address of the pharmacy to which it was transferred and the name of the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician receiving the prescription information.
 - (c) Record the date of the transfer and the name of the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician transferring the information.
 - iii. The receiving pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician shall record the following:
 - (a) Indication of the transferred nature of the prescription.
 - (b) Provide all information required for a prescription and include:
 - (i) Date of issuance of original prescription.
 - (ii) Date of last dispensing, if applicable.
 - (iii) Original number of refills authorized on original prescription.
 - (iv) Number of refills remaining, if applicable.
 - (v) Pharmacy's name, address, and prescription number from which the prescription information was transferred.
 - (vi) Name of the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician who transferred the prescription.
 - The original and transferred prescription(s) shall be maintained in compliance with Chapter 11 of this Part.
 - c. Pharmacies electronically accessing the same prescription record shall satisfy all information requirements of a manual mode for prescription transferal.

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§2523 was amended to simplify the requirements for the transfer of controlled substance prescriptions (both initial and refill) by referencing the federal requirements in 21 CFR Part 1306. The amendment also added transfer of original prescription information for noncontrolled substances, and further, reiterated the record requirements for both transferring and receiving pharmacies. The redundant information located in Subsection B was repealed.

Chapter 27. Controlled Dangerous Substances

Subchapter F. Production, Distribution, and Utilization

§2747. Dispensing Requirements

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7. The transfer between pharmacies of a prescription or prescription information for controlled substances is permissible in conformance with <u>21 CFR Part 1306</u>.

C.8. - F. ...

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§2747 was amended consistent with §2523 above, to simplify the controlled substance prescription transfer requirements by referencing the federal requirements in 21 CFR Part 1306.

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