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January 8, 2026

Senator Cameron Henry  
President, Louisiana Senate  
Via Email: [APA.SenatePresident@legis.la.gov](mailto:APA.SenatePresident@legis.la.gov)

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Re: Report No. 1 of 3 for Regulatory Project 2026-02 – Remote Access by a Pharmacy Technician

Dear Senator Henry:

The Board of Pharmacy seeks to amend §1145 of its rules relative to remote access to prescription drug orders, medical orders, and chart orders. The proposed Rule change adds pharmacy technicians to those authorized under the rule. The proposed Rule change includes required safe-guards for records, supervision requirements for pharmacy technicians, and policies to address quality assurance standards.

In connection with this regulatory project, the following items are appended:

- Notice of Intent
- Fiscal & Economic Impact Statement

As indicated in the solicitation, we will convene a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026 to receive public comments and testimony on this proposed Rule change. We will summarize those comments and our responses thereto in our next report to you. In the event you have any questions or need additional information about this project, please contact me directly at [jfontenot@pharmacy.la.gov](mailto:jfontenot@pharmacy.la.gov) or 225.925.6481.

For the Board:

M. Joseph Fontenot, Jr.  
Executive Director

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## NOTICE OF INTENT

### Department of Health

### Board of Pharmacy

#### Remote Access by a Pharmacy Technician (LAC 46:LIII.1145)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.) and the Pharmacy Practice Act (R.S. 37:1161 et seq.), the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives notice of its intent to amend §1145 of its rules relative to remote access to prescription drug orders, medical orders, and chart orders. The proposed Rule change adds pharmacy technicians to those authorized under the rule. The proposed Rule change includes required safeguards for records, supervision requirements for pharmacy technicians, and policies to address quality assurance standards.

### Title 46

## PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

### Part LIII. Pharmacists

#### Chapter 11. Pharmacies

##### Subchapter D. Off-Site Services

#### §1145. Remote Access to Prescription Drug Orders, Medical Orders, and Chart Orders

~~A. Notwithstanding any provision of rules to the contrary, nothing shall prohibit a Louisiana licensed pharmacist who is an employee of or under contract with a pharmacy in Louisiana from accessing that pharmacy's dispensing information system from a location other than the pharmacy in order to process prescription drug orders, medical orders, or chart orders, but only when all of the following conditions are satisfied:~~

- ~~1. the pharmacy establishes controls to protect the privacy and security of confidential records;~~
- ~~2. the pharmacist does not engage in the receiving of written prescription drug orders or medical orders or chart orders or the maintenance of such orders; and~~
- ~~3. no part of the pharmacy's dispensing information system is duplicated, downloaded, or removed from the pharmacy's dispensing information system.~~

A. Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, a Louisiana-licensed pharmacist who is employed by or contracted with a permitted pharmacy in Louisiana, or a Louisiana credentialed pharmacy technician who is an employee of a permitted pharmacy in Louisiana, may remotely access that pharmacy's dispensing information system from a non-pharmacy location for the purpose of processing prescription drug orders, medical orders, or chart orders contained therein, provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. Privacy and Security Controls. The pharmacy shall establish and maintain appropriate safeguards to protect the privacy and security of all confidential records.
2. Supervision of Remote Pharmacy Technicians. When a pharmacy technician remotely accesses the dispensing information system, the pharmacy shall ensure that the supervising pharmacist:
  - a. provides direct and immediate supervision of the pharmacy technician through two-way audio and video communication utilizing real-time live interactive technology;
  - b. has immediate access to the original order and any related documentation; and
  - c. reviews and verifies the accuracy of all entered information.
3. Data Protection. No part of the pharmacy's dispensing information system may be duplicated, downloaded, or removed from the system at any time.
4. Prohibition on Off-Site Record Handling. The receipt, retention, or storage of prescription drug orders, medical orders, or chart orders at any remote location outside the permitted pharmacy is strictly prohibited.

5. Policy and Procedure Manual. The pharmacy permit holder and the pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for the development and implementation of policies and procedures to address quality assurance standards for remote access and processing.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:582 (April 2020), amended LR

### **Family Impact Statement**

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a family impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. The following statements will be published in the *Louisiana Register* with the proposed agency Rule.

1. The Effect on the Stability of the Family. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the stability of the family.
2. The Effect on the Authority and Rights of Parents Regarding the Education and Supervision of their Children. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.
3. The Effect on the Functioning of the Family. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the functioning of the family.
4. The Effect on Family Earnings and Family Budget. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on family earnings and family budget.
5. The Effect on the Behavior and Personal Responsibility of Children. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the behavior and personal responsibility of children.
6. The Ability of the Family or a Local Government to Perform the Function as Contained in the Proposed Rule. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the ability of the family or a local government to perform the activity as contained in the proposed Rule.

### **Poverty Impact Statement**

In accordance with Section 973 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a poverty impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment.

1. The Effect on Household Income, Assets, and Financial Security. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on household income, assets, or financial security.
2. The Effect on Early Childhood Development and Preschool through Postsecondary Education Development. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on early childhood development or preschool through postsecondary education development.
3. The Effect on Employment and Workforce Development. The proposed Rule change may have a positive effect on employment, depending on the number of pharmacy technicians that are not currently working in a pharmacy but would be willing to work from a location other than a pharmacy. That effect is variable and indeterminate.
4. The Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on taxes or tax credits.
5. The Effect on Child and Dependent Care, Housing, Health Care, Nutrition, Transportation, and Utilities Assistance. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, or utilities assistance.

### **Small Business Analysis**

In accordance with Section 965 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a regulatory flexibility analysis on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. This will certify the agency has considered, without limitation, each of the following methods of reducing the impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses:

1. The Establishment of Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on reporting requirements for small business.
2. The Establishment of Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

3. The Consolidation or Simplification of Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

4. The Establishment of Performance Standards for Small Businesses to Replace Design or Operational Standards Required in the Proposed Rule. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards for small business.

5. The Exemption of Small Businesses from All or Any Part of the Requirements Contained in the Proposed Rule. There are no exemptions for small businesses in the proposed Rule change.

#### **Provider Impact Statement**

In accordance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 170 of the Regular Session of the 2014 Legislature, there is hereby submitted a provider impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. This will certify the agency has considered, without limitation, the following effects on the providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities:

1. The effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the staffing level requirements required to provide the same level of service.

2. The Total Direct and Indirect Effect on the Cost to the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service. If the pharmacy elects to have pharmacy technicians remotely access the pharmacy's dispensing information system from a non-pharmacy location to process prescription orders, there will be a cost associated with the two-way audio and visual communication. The cost will be variable and indeterminate.

3. The Overall Effect on the Ability of the Provider to Provide the Same Level of service. The proposed Rule change will have no impact on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

#### **Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit written comments, via United States Postal Service or other carrier, or in the alternative by personal delivery to M. Joseph Fontenot Jr., Executive Director, at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1700. He is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding the proposed Rule change. The deadline for the receipt of all written comments is 12 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026.

#### **Public Hearing**

A public hearing to solicit comments and testimony on the proposed Rule change is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 9 a.m. at the Board office. During the hearing, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit comments and testimony, either verbally or in writing. The deadline for the receipt of all comments and testimony is 12 p.m. that same day. To request reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call the board office at 225.925.6496.

M. Joseph Fontenot Jr.

Executive Director

### **FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

#### **RULE TITLE: Remote Access by a Pharmacy Technician**

##### **I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)**

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy resulting from the promulgation of the proposed Rule change. The cost to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy is approximately \$500 in FY 26 and \$500 in FY 27 for the notice and Rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

The proposed Rule change amends the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy's off-site services Rule (LAC 46:LIII.1145) to allow Louisiana-credentialed pharmacy technicians, in addition to Louisiana-licensed pharmacists, to remotely access a permitted pharmacy's dispensing information system from a non-pharmacy location to process prescription drug orders, medical orders, and chart orders. The proposed Rule change also adds safeguards and operating conditions, including required privacy and security controls, real-time two-way audio and video supervision by a pharmacist during remote technician processing, pharmacist review and verification of entered information, prohibitions

on duplicating or downloading system data and on receiving or storing orders off-site, and required policies and procedures to support quality assurance.

The cost of the required two-way audio and video communication is indeterminable because it will vary by permit holder and depends on whether a pharmacy chooses to implement remote technician access. Some pharmacies may already have compliant equipment and secure platforms in place, while others may need to purchase equipment or add services.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed Rule change may provide an economic benefit to directly affected pharmacies and pharmacy technicians by allowing pharmacy technicians to process prescription orders from a location other than the permitted pharmacy, provided all conditions and safeguards in the Rule are met. Any associated costs are expected to be minimal and indeterminate.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

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IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed Rule change is not anticipated to impact competition. The proposed Rule change may have a positive effect on employment, depending on the number of pharmacy technicians that are not currently working in a pharmacy but would be willing to work from a location other than a pharmacy. That effect is variable and indeterminate.

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

Person Preparing Statement:	M. Joseph Fontenot, Jr. Executive Director	Dept.:	Dept. of Health
Phone:	225.925.6481	Office:	Board of Pharmacy
Return Address:	3388 Brentwood Drive	Rule Title:	Remote Access by a Pharmacy Technician
	Baton Rouge, LA 70809	Date Rule Takes Effect:	Upon promulgation July 20, 2026 (est.)

**SUMMARY**  
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 961 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

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M. Joseph Fontenot, Jr., Executive Director  
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January 07, 2026  
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Date of Signature



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Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

1/7/26

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Date of Signature

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

The proposed rule change amends the Board's remote access provisions to authorize Louisiana-credentialed pharmacy technicians, in addition to pharmacists, to remotely access and process prescription drug orders, medical orders, and chart orders from a location other than the permitted pharmacy. The proposed rule change also establishes required safeguards to protect the privacy and security of confidential records and sets forth supervision and operational conditions, including pharmacist oversight and real-time two-way audio and video communication between the pharmacist and the pharmacy technician during remote processing.

- B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

The proposed rule change is in response to a request from a pharmacy owner to address a current shortage of pharmacy technicians.

During the 2025 Regular Session, House Bill 358 (Rep. Dustin Miller) proposed to amend the Louisiana Pharmacy Practice Act to permit pharmacy technicians to work remotely from a location other than a pharmacy. Although the bill ultimately did not pass, the Board interpreted the legislation as evidence of legislative interest and proceeded with a rule change to establish standards and safeguards for remote technician access.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

The proposed rule change will not require any additional funding or expenditure of funds.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ YES. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

Louisiana Board of Pharmacy operates on self-generated revenue, and they have determined the proposed rule change is in the public's best interest.

- D. Compliance with Act 98 of the 2025 Regular Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in either the expenditure of state funds or an economic impact involving costs to regulated entities estimated at \$200,000 or more per year or \$600,000 or more over three years?

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ YES. (proceed to question D.2 on this page)

(b) XX NO.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, was there a fiscal note for the enacted legislation that required this action (attach documentation)?

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ YES, and all cost impacts were contemplated in the Fiscal Note.

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ YES, but cost impacts exceed those contemplated in the Fiscal Note.

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ NO.

Not Applicable.

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
WORKSHEET**

**I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED**

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

<b>COSTS</b>	<b>FY 26</b>	<b>FY 27</b>	<b>FY 28</b>
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$500	\$500	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>POSITIONS (#)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.," including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule change. The cost to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy is approximately \$500 in FY 26 and \$500 in FY 27 for the notice and rule publication in the Louisiana Register.

To the extent that a state or parish-owned pharmacy elects to allow a pharmacy technician to remotely access the pharmacy's dispensing information system from a non-pharmacy location to process prescription orders, there will be a cost associated with the two-way audio and visual communication. The cost will be variable and indeterminate.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>FY 26</b>	<b>FY 27</b>	<b>FY 28</b>
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$500	\$500	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER (Specify)	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$0</b>

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Louisiana Board of Pharmacy has sufficient self-generated funds available to implement the proposed rule change.

**B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.**

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

The proposed rule change will not result in costs or savings to local governmental units.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

The proposed rule change will not impact sources of funding of local government units.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
WORKSHEET

II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
WORKSHEET**

**III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS**

- A. What persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

The proposed rule change may provide an economic benefit to directly affected pharmacies and pharmacy technicians by allowing pharmacy technicians to process prescription orders from a location other than the permitted pharmacy, provided all conditions and safeguards in the rule are met. Any associated costs are expected to be minimal and indeterminate.

- B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

The proposed rule change will not impact a licensee's receipts or revenue.

**IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT**

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

The proposed rule change may have a positive effect on employment, depending on the number of pharmacy technicians that are not currently working in a pharmacy but would be willing to work from a location other than a pharmacy. That effect is variable and indeterminate.