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May 7, 2026

Senator Cameron Henry
President, Louisiana Senate
Via Email: APA.SenatePresident@legis.la.gov

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Re: Report No. 1 of 3 for Regulatory Project 2026-05 – Off-Site Services

Dear Senator Henry:

The Board of Pharmacy seeks to amend Section 1139 of its rules relative to Off-Site Services. The proposed Rule change amends the definition of "Remote Processing Services" to add final product verification to the list of activities included and to clarify the definition by adding the phrase "using technology."

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 Friday, June 26, 2026 to receive public comments and testimony on the proposed changes. 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 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

Off-Site Services (LAC 46:LIII.1139)

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 §1139 of its rules relative to Off-Site Services. The proposed Rule change amends the definition of “Remote Processing Services” to add final product verification to the list of activities included and to clarify the definition by adding the phrase “using technology.”

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LIII. Pharmacists

Chapter 11. Pharmacies

Subchapter D. Off-Site Services

§1139. Definitions

A. As used in this Subchapter, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

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Remote Processing Services—the processing of a medical order or prescription drug order by one permitted pharmacy using technology on behalf of another permitted pharmacy, including:

- a. — c. ...
 - d. performance of drug utilization review; ~~and~~
 - e. provision of drug information concerning a patient's drug therapy; and provided, however, that remote processing does not include the physical preparation or physical transfer of drugs.
 - f. final product verification;
- provided, however, that remote processing does not include the physical preparation or physical transfer of drugs.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 33:1131 (June 2007), amended LR 39:313 (February 2013), 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 will have no effect on employment and workforce development.

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 businesses.

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 impact on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service.

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 Friday, June 26, 2026.

Public Hearing

A public hearing to solicit comments and testimony on the proposed Rule change is scheduled for Friday, June 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: Off-Site Services

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 state or local government units 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 in SGR expenditures for the notice and Rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

The proposed Rule change amends the definition of “Remote Processing Services” to add final product verification to the list of activities included and to clarify the definition by adding the phrase “using technology.”

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

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

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

The proposed Rule change is anticipated to benefit pharmacies and pharmacists by authorizing the necessary technology for the remote processing of prescription drug orders. By including final product verification in the list of pharmacy practice activities, one permitted pharmacy can use technology to assist another permitted pharmacy, allowing pharmacies to share the workload which improves the work environment. The proposed Rule change should benefit the public by decreasing the amount of time it takes to process a prescription and providing on-site pharmacists with more time to counsel patients about their medication.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed Rule change is not anticipated to impact competition and employment.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Return Address:	3388 Brentwood Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70809	Rule Title:	Off-Site Services
		Date Rule Takes Effect:	Upon promulgation November 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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(Summary)

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Signature of Head or Designee

M. Joseph Fontenot, Jr., Executive Director
Typed Name & Title of Agency Head or Designee

May 4, 2026
Date of Signature


Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

5/4/26
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 definition of "Remote Processing Services" to add final product verification to the list of activities included and to clarify the definition by adding the phrase "using technology."

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

The board received a request from CVS Health to include "final product verification" in the list of services in the definition of "Remote Processing Services". Following a pilot project in a limited number of pharmacies, the board determined that a rule change was appropriate.

- 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 expenditures 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) X 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.

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?

COSTS	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
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
TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$0
POSITIONS (#)	0	0	0

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 state or local government units 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 in SGR expenditures for the notice and rule publication in the Louisiana Register.

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

SOURCE	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
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
TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$0

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 governmental 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
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

*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 will not affect 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 is anticipated to benefit pharmacies and pharmacists by authorizing the necessary technology for the remote processing of prescription drug orders. By including final product verification in the list of pharmacy practice activities, one permitted pharmacy can use technology to assist another permitted pharmacy, allowing pharmacies to share the workload which improves the work environment. The proposed rule change should benefit the public by decreasing the amount of time it takes to process a prescription and providing on-site pharmacists with more time to counsel patients about their medication.

- 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 will have no effect on competition and employment.