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Overview

This act eliminates the requirement for additional certification if a prescription drug is certified at a licensed central service pharmacy, provides that a prescription or drug order is not valid if based solely on an online questionnaire, and allows pharmacies to accept returns of unused drugs and medical devices from county jails and juvenile correctional facilities.

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- 1** **Central service pharmacy.** Amends § 151.01, by adding subd. 31. Defines "central service pharmacy" as a pharmacy that may provide dispensing, drug utilization review, packaging, labeling, or delivery to another pharmacy for the purpose of filling a prescription.
- 2** **Certification.** Adds § 151.215. Requires a pharmacist to certify a prescription, in compliance with Board of Pharmacy rules, before the prescription is dispensed, delivered, mailed, or shipped. Provides that if the prescription has been certified at a licensed central service pharmacy, in compliance with board rules, an additional certification is not required at the pharmacy that dispenses, mails, or ships the completed prescription.
- 3** **Prescribing and filing.** Amends § 151.37, subd. 2. States that a prescription or drug order for a legend drug is not valid if it is based solely on an online questionnaire, unless it can be established that the prescription or order was based on a documented patient evaluation adequate to establish a diagnosis and identify underlying conditions and contraindications.
- 4** **County return of unused drugs or medical devices.** Adds § 151.56. Allows pharmacies to accept returns of unused drugs and medical devices from county jails and juvenile correctional facilities. In order to return drugs and devices, the county jailor or juvenile

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correctional facility must have a trained medication technician on hand 24-hours a day, seven days a week, and the medication must be stored in a secured locked storage locker.