

Subject Remote pickup site for legend drugs and devices

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Overview

This bill authorizes a managing pharmacy to establish one or more remote pickup sites at grocery stores and establishes requirements for the operation of remote pickup sites. A managing pharmacy may transfer to a remote pickup site, legend drugs and devices dispensed to refill patient prescriptions, and patients and patient designees may obtain the legend drugs and devices from the remote pickup site.

Summary

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1	Pharmacy licensure requirements.
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Amends § 151.19, subd. 1. Under current law a separate license is required for each pharmacy in the state. This section specifies a remote pickup site operates under the license of its managing pharmacy and is not required to hold a separate pharmacy license.

2	Remote pickup sites to obtain legend drugs and devices.
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Adds § 151.59. Authorizes a managing pharmacy to establish remote pickup sites at grocery stores, at which patients and patient designees may obtain legend drugs and devices dispensed by the managing pharmacy to refill patient prescriptions.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines the following terms for this section: grocery store, managing pharmacy, remote pickup site.

Subd. 2. Designation of remote pickup site. Allows a managing pharmacy to designate one or more grocery stores as remote pickup sites at which patients and patient designees may obtain drugs and devices dispensed by the managing pharmacy to refill patient prescriptions. Requires refills transferred to remote pickup sites to be of the same strength, dosage, and administration frequency as the patient's most recent prior prescription. Specifies the managing pharmacy

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and its pharmacist in charge are responsible for the operation of their remote pickup sites.

Subd. 3. Board approval. Requires a managing pharmacy to obtain approval from the Board of Pharmacy to operate a remote pickup site, and requires a managing pharmacy seeking to operate a remote pickup site to apply to the board. Allows the board to approve operation of a remote pickup site if certain criteria are met, and requires a managing pharmacy to notify the board if it ceases to operate a remote pickup site.

Subd. 4. Storage of legend drugs and devices. Requires legend drugs and devices to be stored in a locked cabinet, locked drawer, or secure kiosk upon delivery to and while at a remote pickup site, and to be held in a sealed, opaque bag that only has the name of the patient or patient's designee on the outside.

Subd. 5. Access and pickup. Requires staff to be designated by a pharmacist in charge and complete training in order to handle and inventory legend drugs and devices at the remote pickup site. Specifies processes for patients and patient designees to obtain legend drugs and devices from a remote pickup site's locked cabinet, locked drawer, or secure kiosk.

Subd. 6. Patient counseling. Requires the pharmacist in charge for a remote pickup site to establish processes to offer patient counseling and to communicate to patients the steps to take to obtain a replacement if the legend drug's or device's integrity is compromised.

Subd. 7. Records; compliance. Requires records to be kept of legend drugs and devices delivered to a remote pickup site, and requires a staff person to inventory legend drugs and devices at the remote pickup site at least every seven days. Requires the remote pickup site to have a policy to return to the managing pharmacy or dispose of drugs and devices that are not picked up. Requires the pharmacist in charge to keep a list of staff at the remote pickup site authorized to access legend drugs and devices, annually review the site's policies and procedures with remote pickup site staff, document this review, and visit the remote pickup site at least every 30 days to ensure the site is operating in compliance with the site's policies and procedures.

Subd. 8. Rulemaking. Allows the board to adopt rules to implement this section.



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