

WAC 246-875-070 Confidentiality and security of data. (1) Information contained in patient medication record systems shall be considered to be a part of prescription records maintained in accordance with RCW 18.64.245 and shall be maintained for a period of at least two years in the same manner as provided for all prescription records (see WAC 246-869-100).

(2) The information in the patient medication record system which identifies the patient shall be deemed confidential and may be released to persons other than the patient or a pharmacist, or a practitioner authorized to prescribe only on written release of the patient. If in the judgment of the dispenser, the prescription presented for dispensing is determined to cause a potentially harmful drug interaction or other problem due to a drug previously prescribed by another practitioner, the dispenser may communicate this information to the prescribers.

(3) Security codes or systems must be established on automated medication record systems to prevent unauthorized modification of data.

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