

WAC 246-869-090 Prescription transfers. The transfer of original prescription information for a noncontrolled substance legend drug for the purpose of refill dispensing is permissible between pharmacies subject to the following requirements:

(1) The transfer is communicated directly between two licensed pharmacists and the transferring pharmacist records the following information:

(a) Record in the patient medication record system that a copy has been issued.

(b) Record in the patient medication record system the name and address of the pharmacy to which it was transferred and the name of the pharmacist receiving the prescription information.

(2) The pharmacist receiving the transferred prescription information shall reduce to writing the following:

(a) Write the word "TRANSFER" on the face of the transferred prescription.

(b) Provide all information required to be on the prescription - patient's name and address; prescriber's name and address, and also include:

(i) Date of issuance of original prescription.

(ii) Number of valid refills remaining and date of last refill.

(iii) The pharmacy's name, address, and original prescription number from which the prescription information was transferred.

(iv) Name of transferor pharmacist.

(c) Both the original and transferred prescription must be maintained as if they were original prescriptions.

(d) A transferred prescription may not be refilled after one year from the date the original was issued.

(e) The above subsections apply to the transfer of prescription information for noncontrolled substances. The transfer of controlled substance prescription information must conform to the requirements of 21 C.F.R. 1306.25.

(3) When a prescription is transferred, no further refills shall be issued by the transferring pharmacy.

(4) If two or more pharmacies utilize a common electronic database for prescription recordkeeping, prescriptions may be refilled at any of these pharmacies as long as there is provided an audit trail which documents the location of each filling and provisions are made to assure that the number of authorized refills are not exceeded.

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