

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Pharmacy

(Amendment)

201 KAR 2:185. Noncontrolled substance prescription drug refills.

RELATES TO: KRS 315.191(1)(f)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 217.215, 315.191(1)(f)

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: This is to certify that this administrative regulation complies with the requirements of 2025 RS HB6, Section 8.

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 315.010, 315.191 and 217.215(2) require the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to regulate the practice of pharmacists and the recordkeeping systems associated with prescriptions. This administrative regulation establishes the responsibilities of pharmacists and practitioners relating to prescription drug refills.

Section 1. A pharmacist shall not refill a prescription for a noncontrolled substance prescription drug unless authorized by the prescribing practitioner or permitted under the emergency pharmacy powers granted pursuant to KRS 315.500.

Section 2.

(1) The use of the terms "prn" and "ad lib" in relation to authorization for refilling prescriptions shall mean the prescription may be refilled for a maximum period of one (1) year from the date prescribed.

(2) After one (1) year from the date prescribed, a prescribing practitioner shall issue a new prescription.

Section 3. If the authorized refills are expressed solely as a number, the prescription shall be refilled for the authorized limit of refills within one (1) year of the date prescribed.

Section 4. Violation of a provision of this administrative regulation shall constitute unethical or unprofessional conduct in accordance with KRS 315.121(2)(d), (f), (g).

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APPROVED BY AGENCY: December 4, 2025

FILED WITH LRC: December 12, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on February 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. EST via a Zoom teleconference. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing was received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through February 28, 2026. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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