

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Pharmacy

(Amendment)

201 KAR 2:300. Common database.

RELATES TO: KRS 315.020, 315.035, 315.0351

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 315.035, 315.191(1)(a), (f)

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: This is to certify that this administrative regulation complies with the requirements of 2025 RS HB 6, Section 8.

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 315.035 and 315.0351 require that prescription drugs, medicines, and pharmaceuticals be dispensed or manufactured by a licensed pharmacist. KRS 315.191(1)(a) and (f) authorize the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy to promulgate administrative regulations pertaining to pharmacies; pharmacists; and the storage, retrieval, dispensing, refilling, and transfer of prescription drug orders. This administrative regulation establishes minimum requirements for prescription drug orders within and between pharmacists and pharmacies.

Section 1. Definition. "Common Database" means information shared among pharmacists and pharmacies for the purpose of dispensing medications or providing other forms of pharmacist care to a patient.

Section 2. The use of a common database shall not constitute a transfer as established in 201 KAR 2:165, provided that the following conditions are met:

- (1) All pharmacies involved in the transactions pursuant to which the prescription is dispensed shall be under common ownership and utilize a common database;
- (2) All pharmacies involved in the transactions pursuant to which the prescription is dispensed and all pharmacies engaging in dispensing functions shall be properly permitted in Kentucky pursuant to KRS 315.035 or 315.0351;
- (3) The common database shall maintain a record of all pharmacists, pharmacist interns, and pharmacy technicians involved in the process of dispensing a prescription;
- (4) The owner of the common database shall maintain a policy and procedure manual that governs its participating pharmacies, pharmacists, and pharmacy employees and that is available to the board or its agents upon request within five (5) business days and which shall include:
 - (a) A procedure detailing how each pharmacy and each pharmacist accessing the common database shall comply with applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations;
 - (b) The procedure for maintaining appropriate records for regulatory oversight for tracking a prescription during each stage of the filling and dispensing process, identifying the pharmacists involved in filling and dispensing the prescription and counseling the patient, and responding to any requests for information made by the board;
 - (c) The policy and procedure for providing adequate security to protect the confidentiality and integrity of patient information; and
 - (d) A quality assurance program designed to objectively and systemically monitor, evaluate, and improve the quality and appropriateness of patient care through the use of a common database; and
- (5) A pharmacist dispensing a prescription shall at all times exercise independent professional judgment and shall be responsible for his or her actions and the professional actions of those individuals the pharmacist is required to supervise.

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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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