

TITLE 30: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
PART 3001: MISSISSIPPI PHARMACY PRACTICE REGULATIONS

ARTICLE LIII: REMOTE PHARMACIST WORK

1. Purpose and Scope

As the practice of pharmacy continues to evolve, many pharmacists have opportunities to positively impact patient care outside the traditional footprint of a permitted pharmacy location. This article seeks to ensure that pharmacists can provide certain services associated with the practice of pharmacy in a remote setting outside of a permitted pharmacy without jeopardizing patient confidentiality or safety.

2. General Requirements

- A. Remote pharmacist work outside a permitted pharmacy may be performed by a pharmacist who is licensed by the MS Board of Pharmacy.
- B. Pharmacists are allowed to perform remote pharmacist work in a location that is equipped with secure access to an entity's information system. A remote site does not include a site outside the United States/United States territories.
- C. Pharmacies or facilities that allow remote pharmacist work must have an established policy and process that provides adequate security to protect the confidentiality and integrity of patient information.

3. Prohibited Activities

- A. Remote pharmacy work does not consist of the dispensing of a prescription from a location outside of a permitted pharmacy location.
- B. Remote pharmacist work shall not allow for the duplicating, downloading, or removal of information from the pharmacy's electronic system.
- C. Nothing in this article permits any pharmacy personnel other than a licensed pharmacist to assist or engage in the practice of pharmacy outside of a permitted facility.
- D. A remote pharmacist may not receive prescriptions; however, a pharmacist may access a pharmacy's database to perform remote pharmacist work.
- E. Nothing in this article shall be construed to authorize a pharmacist to perform dispensing activities or to verify dispensing activities related to the preparation of the drug or device.