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Order Permitting Assistance to Persons Displaced by Hurricane Katrina

This order is issued in accordance with Executive Order 97 (2005) issued by Governor Warner on September 1, 2005. The enforcement of statutory and regulatory provisions of the Board of Pharmacy are hereby suspended to the extent specified to allow the delivery of pharmacy services to individuals who have been displaced by the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

In instances in which the prescription cannot be transferred from the original dispensing pharmacy or verified by the prescriber, a pharmacy may refill a prescription for a Schedule IV, V, or VI controlled substance for an individual displaced by Hurricane Katrina under the following circumstances:

1. When a person presents prescription information that can be verified from other reliable records, such as an appropriate shared database or a third party payer*, or
2. When a person presents a prescription vial with legible labeling, or other reliable documentation of a dispensed prescription that includes critical elements needed to refill

and provided that (a) the pharmacist can reasonably verify that the identity of the person requesting the prescription or can establish the relationship between the person requesting the prescription and the patient for whom the medication is prescribed, **and** (b) the pharmacist in his or her professional judgment considers the requested medication necessary for the health or welfare of the patient.

This order shall expire December 1, 2005.

September 2, 2005

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* For military personnel or dependents who have been relocated, pharmacists may call 1-800-275-4732 to access information held in the DOD PDTS system from the Gulf area. The social security number of the "sponsor" will be needed and whether the patient is the sponsor or a family member. A series of other questions are scripted. The PDTS databank does not capture the directions for a prescription as it is primarily used as a clinical screening tool but the pharmacist should get medication name, strength, quantity, data on when filled, etc.