

Sec. 20-576-46. Documentation of data requirements

Documentation of the fact that the refill information entered into the computer each time a pharmacist refills an original prescription order for non-controlled substance is correct must be provided by the individual pharmacist who makes use of such a system. In order to accomplish this documentation a pharmacy using such a computerized system must:

(1) provide a separate hardcopy printout of non-controlled substance prescription order refill data for each day. This hard copy printout shall include the refill data mentioned in section 20-576-45 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies except that it need not contain the address of the patient or the address of the prescribing practitioner. The individual pharmacist must verify that the data is correct and sign the document in the same manner as he would sign a check or legal document. This document shall be maintained in a separate file at that pharmacy for a period of three years from the dispensing date. This printout of the non-controlled substance prescription order refill data for each day must be provided to each pharmacy using such a computerized system within 72 hours of the date on which the refill was dispensed. It must be verified and signed by each pharmacist who effected such dispensing as soon as possible after receipt. In no case shall the printout be verified and signed later than the pharmacist's first work period following receipt of the document; or

(2) In lieu of producing a separate hardcopy printout of non-controlled drug prescription refill data for each day, such data may be maintained in electronic form. If daily refill data is maintained electronically, the electronic data processing system must provide for ready retrieval of this information for a period of three years from the date of the last recorded dispensing. The system must provide on-line retrieval of prescription refill data, via visual display device, for at least six months from the date of the last recorded dispensing. The remaining refill data that must be stored for the required time period may be archived. The name or initials of the pharmacist associated with a prescription refill in the electronic system shall be construed to indicate that such pharmacist was the person responsible for dispensing that prescription. It shall be the responsibility of each dispensing pharmacist to insure that the daily refill information attributed to them is accurate.

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