

**Sec. 20-576-18. Procedures when prescription department closed**

(a) During times that the prescription department is closed, it shall be securely locked and equipped with an alarm system. Such alarm shall be activated and operated separately from any other alarm system at the pharmacy, and shall be able to detect entrance to the prescription department at times when it is closed. Keys and access codes to the alarm system shall be controlled in such a manner so as to prevent access to the prescription department by other than authorized pharmacy personnel. Only a pharmacist shall have the authority to deactivate the alarm system.

(b) Original written prescriptions, prescription containers to be refilled or written requests for prescription refills may be left at the pharmacy at times when the prescription department is closed only if they are deposited directly into a drop box by a patient or his agent. Such box shall be a one-way container constructed in a manner which ensures that deposited items are not retrievable other than from inside the pharmacy by the pharmacist or his designee and only at times when the pharmacist is present in the pharmacy.

(c) Prescriptions which have been prepared for pickup, legend drugs, controlled substances, legend devices and products whose sale is limited to pharmacies or shall be carried out by or under the supervision of a pharmacist, shall be stored within the prescription department or in a separate locked storage area and no sales of such products shall take place when the prescription department is closed.

(d) When the prescription department is closed, deliveries from manufacturers, wholesalers or other drug distributors of legend drugs, controlled substances, legend devices and products whose sale is limited to pharmacies or shall be carried out by or under the supervision of a pharmacist, shall be stored in a secure locked area until such time that a pharmacist is present in the pharmacy and the orders can be processed under a pharmacist's supervision.

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