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## Memorandum



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| To:                            | Legislative Regulation Review Committee |
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| From:                          | Legislative Commissioners' Office       |
| <b>Committee Meeting Date:</b> | January 25, 2022                        |

| <b>Regulation No:</b>                   | 2021-23                           |
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| Agency:                                 | Department of Consumer Protection |
| Subject Matter:                         | Shared Pharmacy Services          |
| Statutory Authority:<br>(copy attached) | 20-576                            |

|                     | Yes or No |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Mandatory           | Ν         |
| Federal Requirement | Ν         |
| Permissive          | Y         |

For the Committee's Information:

**Substantive Concerns:** 

### **Technical Corrections:**

1. Throughout the proposed regulation, page numbers should be inserted, for proper form.

2. Throughout the proposed regulation, "general statutes" should be "Connecticut General Statutes", for proper form.

3. On page 1, in section 20-576-74, in the first line, "When used in sections 20-576-75 to 20-576-80, inclusive, of these regulations," should be "As used in this section and sections 20-576-75 to 20-576-80, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:", for proper form.

4. On pages 1 to 3, in section 20-576-74, subsection designators (a) to (t), inclusive, should be subdivision designators (1) to (20), inclusive, for proper form.

5. On page 1, in section 20-576-74(b), the term "centralized prescription dispensing" is not referenced again in the proposed regulation and should be deleted or referenced later in the proposed regulation, for proper form.

6. On page 1, in section 20-576-74(g), the last sentence is a substantive provision and should be either deleted or moved elsewhere in the proposed regulation, for proper form.

7. On page 2, in section 20-576-74(h), "meets the definition of a nonresident pharmacy in" should be "a nonresident pharmacy as defined in and operated in accordance with", for clarity.

8. On page 2, in section 20-576-74(i), "as such" should be "as a pharmacist", for clarity

9. On page 2, in section 20-576-74(1), ", and at least one of such pharmacies shall be located in Connecticut" is a substantive provision and should be moved elsewhere in the regulation, for proper form.

10. On page 2, in section 20-576-74(o), "such" should be "a pharmacy intern", for clarity.

11. On page 2, in section 20-576-74(p), "such" should be "a pharmacy technician", for clarity.

12. On page 3, section 20-576-75 should be deleted in its entirety and incorporated into the statement of purpose at the end of the proposed regulation, and sections 20-576-76 to 20-576-80, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, should be redesignated as sections 20-576-75 to 20-576-79, inclusive, and redesignated accordingly wherever said sections appear in the proposed regulation, for proper form.

13. On page 3, in section 20-576-76(e), in the fifth line, "review; modified" should be "review; or modified", for proper form.

14. On page 4, in section 20-576-77(c), "contract or agreement" should be "contract or agreement with a participating licensed pharmacy", for clarity.

15. On page 4, in section 20-576-77(f), "sections 20-576-74 to 20-576-80, inclusive," should be "this section, section 20-576-76 and sections 20-576-78 and 20-576-79" and "of request" should be "of said department's request", for clarity.

16. On page 4, in section 20-576-77(h), "either a licensed pharmacist, a registered pharmacy intern, or a registered pharmacy technician" should be "pharmacy personnel", for consistency with the defined term.

17. On page 4, in section 20-576-77(i), "Schedule II, III, IV or V" should be "Schedule II, III, IV or V of the federal Controlled Substances Act", for clarity.

18. On page 5, in section 20-576-77(j), "and every" should be deleted as unnecessary.

19. On page 5, in section 20-576-78(e), "sections 20-576-74 to 20-576-80, inclusive," should be "this section, sections 20-576-76, 20-576-77 and 20-576-79" and "request" should be "said department's request", for clarity.

20. On page 5, in section 20-576-78(h), clause designators (i) and (ii) should be subdivisions (1) and (2), respectively, for proper form.

21. On page 6, in section 20-576-79(a), "either a licensed pharmacist, a registered pharmacy intern, or a registered pharmacy technician" should be "pharmacy personnel", for consistency.

22. On page 6, in section 20-576-79(b), in the third and fourth lines, and in section 20-576-80(c), in the second and third lines, "take efforts" should be "make efforts" and "as described in" should be "in accordance with", for proper form.

23. On page 6, in section 20-576-80, "Sec." should be inserted in the catchline before "20-576-80", for proper form.

### **Recommendation:**

XApproval in wholeXwith technical correctionsWith deletionswith deletionsWith substitute pagesDisapproval in whole or in partRejection without prejudice

| Reviewed by: | Shannon McCarthy | / | Marie P. Grady |
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| Date:        | January 13, 2022 |   |                |

**Sec. 20-576. (Formerly Sec. 20-164). Regulations.** (a) The commissioner may, with the advice and assistance of the commission, adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to govern the performance of the commission's duties, the practice of pharmacy and the business of retailing drugs and devices. Such regulations may include, but are not limited to, provisions (1) concerning the licensing of any pharmacist or pharmacy, disciplinary action that may be taken against a licensee, the conduct of a pharmacist and the operation of a pharmacy, (2) specifying various classes of pharmacy licenses issued under section 20-594, including, but not limited to, licenses for infusion therapy pharmacies and nuclear pharmacy licenses permitted under the regulations, (3) concerning creation and maintenance of prescription records, and (4) concerning registration and activities of pharmacy interns, registered pharmacy technicians and certified pharmacy technicians.

(b) The commissioner shall, with the advice and assistance of the commission, adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, governing (1) the storage and retrieval of prescription information for noncontrolled substances, including refills, by pharmacists through the use of electronic data processing systems or other systems for the efficient storage and retrieval of information, (2) the operation of institutional pharmacies pursuant to chapters 368a and 418, and sections 17a-210 to 17a-273, inclusive, 19a-490 to 19a-520, inclusive, and 20-570 to 20-630, inclusive, and (3) the activities of pharmacy technicians in pharmacies and institutional pharmacies, including ratios of registered pharmacy technicians to pharmacies in pharmacies.