

(b) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 12-312 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of its members then serving, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:

(15) [Unless] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 12-512 OF THIS TITLE, UNLESS an authorized prescriber authorizes the refill in the original prescription or by oral order, refills a prescription for any drug for which a prescription is required; 12-512.

(A) A PHARMACIST MAY REFILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR A DRUG FOR WHICH THE REFILL HAS NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED IF:

(1) THE PHARMACIST:

(I) ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN AN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE AUTHORIZED PRESCRIBER; AND

(II) IS NOT ABLE READILY TO OBTAIN THE AUTHORIZATION.

(2) THE REFILL OF THE PRESCRIPTION IS NOT FOR A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE;

(3) THE DRUG IS ESSENTIAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF LIFE;

(4) (I) THE DRUG IS ESSENTIAL TO THE CONTINUATION OF THERAPY IN CHRONIC CONDITIONS; AND

(II) IN THE PHARMACIST'S PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT, THE INTERRUPTION OF THE THERAPY REASONABLY MIGHT PRODUCE AN UNDESIRABLE HEALTH CONSEQUENCE, BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PATIENT'S WELFARE, OR CAUSE PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISCOMFORT;

(5) THE PHARMACIST:

(I) KEEPS-A-RECORD-OF ENTERS ON THE BACK OF THE PRESCRIPTION OR ON ANOTHER APPROPRIATE UNIFORMLY MAINTAINED, READILY RETRIEVABLE RECORD, SUCH AS A MEDICATION RECORD, THE DATE AND THE QUANTITY OF THE DRUG DISPENSED; AND

(II) SIGNS OR INITIALS THE RECORD; AND

(6) THE PHARMACIST NOTIFIES THE AUTHORIZED PRESCRIBER OF THE REFILL OF THE PRESCRIPTION WITHIN 72 HOURS OF DISPENSING THE DRUG.

(B) IF A PHARMACIST REFILLS A PRESCRIPTION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE PHARMACIST MAY PROVIDE ONLY 1 REFILL OF THE PRESCRIPTION AND THE REFILL MAY-NOT-EXCEED-A-DOSEAGE-FOR-72--HOURS QUANTITY DISPENSED SHALL BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRESCRIBER'S DIRECTIONS FOR USE AND MAY NOT EXCEED A 72-HOUR PERIOD OF TIME.