

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Health Occupations**

12-403.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a pharmacy for which a pharmacy permit has been issued under this title:

(16) Shall provide such personnel, automation, and technology as are necessary to allow the licensed pharmacist employee to comply with the labeling requirements specified in § 12-505; [and]

(17) With regard to a prescription drug that is delivered in this State by the United States mail, a common carrier, or a delivery service and is not personally hand delivered directly to a patient or to the agent of the patient at the residence of the patient or at another location designated by the patient, shall:

(i) Provide a general written notice in each shipment of a prescription drug that alerts a consumer that, under certain circumstances, a medication's effectiveness may be affected by exposure to extremes of heat, cold, or humidity; and

(ii) Provide a specific written notice in each shipment of a prescription drug that provides a consumer with a toll-free or local consumer access telephone number accessible during regular hours of operation, which is designed to respond to consumer questions pertaining to medications; AND

(18) (I) ~~THE PHARMACY~~ MAY MAINTAIN A RECORD LOG OF ANY PRESCRIPTION THAT IS REQUESTED TO BE FILLED OR REFILLED BY A ~~PATIENT.~~ PATIENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE;

(II) IF THE PRESCRIPTION RECORD OF A PATIENT INCLUDES THE PATIENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, ~~THE PHARMACY~~ SHALL KEEP THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER CONFIDENTIAL;

(III) MAY NOT LIST IN THE RECORD LOG THE TYPE OF ILLNESS, DISABILITY, OR CONDITION THAT IS THE BASIS OF ANY DISPENSING OR DISTRIBUTION OF A DRUG BY A PHARMACIST; AND

(~~HH~~) (IV) ~~THE PHARMACY~~ MAY NOT LIST A PATIENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ~~ON,~~ ILLNESS, DISABILITY, OR CONDITION, OR THE NAME AND TYPE OF DRUG RECEIVED IN THE RECORD LOG IF THE LOG IS AVAILABLE TO OTHER PHARMACY CUSTOMERS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.