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2 An act relating to pharmacy; amending s.  
3 465.003, F.S.; defining the term "centralized  
4 prescription filling"; creating s. 465.0265,  
5 F.S.; authorizing centralized prescription  
6 filling by one pharmacy for another pharmacy  
7 and providing requirements therefor; providing  
8 that "wholesale distribution" of prescription  
9 drugs does not include certain acts of  
10 centralized prescription filling; requiring  
11 maintenance of a policy and procedures manual,  
12 subject to inspection by the Board of Pharmacy  
13 or its agent upon request, and providing  
14 requirements therefor; requiring the board to  
15 adopt rules to implement the section; providing  
16 an effective date.

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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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20 Section 1. Subsection (16) is added to section  
21 465.003, Florida Statutes, to read:22 465.003 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the  
23 term:24 (16) "Centralized prescription filling" means the  
25 filling of a prescription by one pharmacy upon request by  
26 another pharmacy to fill or refill the prescription. The term  
27 includes the performance by one pharmacy for another pharmacy  
28 of other pharmacy duties such as drug utilization review,  
29 therapeutic drug utilization review, claims adjudication, and  
30 the obtaining of refill authorizations.

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1           Section 2. Section 465.0265, Florida Statutes, is  
2 created to read:

3           465.0265 Centralized prescription filling.--

4           (1) A pharmacy licensed under this chapter may perform  
5 centralized prescription filling for another pharmacy,  
6 provided that the pharmacies have the same owner or have a  
7 written contract specifying the services to be provided by  
8 each pharmacy, the responsibilities of each pharmacy, and the  
9 manner in which the pharmacies will comply with federal and  
10 state laws, rules, and regulations.

11           (2) Each pharmacy performing or contracting for the  
12 performance of centralized prescription filling pursuant to  
13 this section must maintain a policy and procedures manual,  
14 which shall be made available to the board or its agent upon  
15 request. The policy and procedures manual shall include the  
16 following information:

17           (a) A description of how each pharmacy will comply  
18 with federal and state laws, rules, and regulations.

19           (b) The procedure for maintaining appropriate records  
20 to identify the pharmacist responsible for dispensing the  
21 prescription and counseling the patient.

22           (c) The procedure for tracking the prescription during  
23 each stage of the filling and dispensing process.

24           (d) The procedure for identifying on the prescription  
25 label all pharmacies involved in filling and dispensing the  
26 prescription.

27           (e) The policy and procedure for providing adequate  
28 security to protect the confidentiality and integrity of  
29 patient information.

30           (f) The procedure to be used by the pharmacy in  
31 implementing and operating a quality assurance program

1 designed to objectively and systematically monitor, evaluate,  
2 and improve the quality and appropriateness of patient care.  
3 (3) The filling, delivery, and return of a  
4 prescription by one pharmacy for another pursuant to this  
5 section shall not be construed as the filling of a transferred  
6 prescription as set forth in s. 465.026 or as a wholesale  
7 distribution as set forth in s. 499.012(1)(a).  
8 (4) The board shall adopt rules pursuant to ss.  
9 120.536(1) and 120.54 necessary to implement this section.  
10 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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