

WAIVER OF RULE 1140-03-.01 (1): FACE TO FACE COUNSELING REQUIREMENT

In order to reduce exposure and transmission of the COVID-19 virus, effective immediately the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy has waived the requirement for patients to be counseled face to face as stated in Rule 1140-03-.01 (1). Counseling may be provided by a pharmacist by telephone or by other forms of technology or by alternative means. This waiver does NOT remove the requirement to counsel the patient and all efforts should be made to counsel a patient as before and should cover all aspects of counseling required in rule. This waiver will remain in effect through May 31st, 2020 unless the Board extends it beyond this date.

WAIVER OF RULE 1140-14-.12 (2) (a): STOCKING OF ADMs IN LONG TERM CARE SITES

In order to reduce the risk of exposure of patients in Long Term Care sites to the COVID-19 virus with incursion of outside personnel, effective immediately the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy waives the requirement that filling/stocking of all medications in the automated dispensing system shall be completed by a pharmacist or pharmacy technician under the direct supervision of a pharmacist. The pharmacist in charge shall designate personnel on site who have sufficient training that shall be responsible for stocking the machines with the medications delivered by the pharmacy to the site. This waiver will remain in effect through May 31st, 2020 unless the Board extends it beyond this date.