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PUBLIC HEALTH STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-BOP-PH-05

**ORDER PROVIDING TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION
FOR USE OF AUTOMATED PHARMACY PICKUP KIOSKS**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-08 declaring a public health emergency due to the evolving nature and scope of the public health threat or other risks posed by COVID-19 and the actual and anticipated impacts associated with the same;

WHEREAS, Governor McMaster has issued subsequent Executive Orders in which he has taken additional action to protect the citizens of South Carolina, including Executive Order No. 2020-10, which “authorize[d] and direct[ed] any agency within the undersigned’s Cabinet or any other department within the Executive Branch, as defined by section 1-30-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, through its respective director or secretary, to waive or ‘suspend provisions of existing regulations prescribing procedures for conduct of state business if strict compliance with the provisions thereof would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency,’ [. . .];”

WHEREAS, the Board of Pharmacy requires permittees seeking to utilize new technology in the practice of pharmacy to appear before its Practice and Technology Committee to present an overview of the proposed use of new technology;

WHEREAS, the Practice and Technology Committee has previously heard requests for permittees to utilize automated pharmacy pickup kiosks and locker systems, such as those produced by iLocalBox and ScriptCenter;

WHEREAS, the Board, acting upon recommendations of the Practice and Technology Committee, has authorized the use of such automated pickup kiosks, certain to subject conditions;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the use of automated pickup kiosks will reduce face-to-face contact between the members of the public and pharmacy personnel and will aid in social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the Board concludes that the benefit of additional methods of social distancing, coupled with reports indicating the devices have been used successfully in previously-

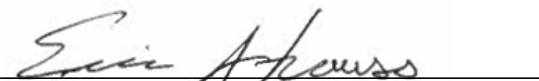
approved pilot projects, outweighs the need for the Practice and Technology Committee to consider the devices at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, effective immediately, the Board hereby temporarily authorizes its permittees to utilize automated pharmacy pickup kiosks without first appearing before the Practice and Technology Committee or the Board. This Order shall be limited to the use of models of automated pharmacy pickup kiosks previously approved by the Board, such as those produced by iLocalBox and ScriptCenter. Permittees electing to utilize these pickup kiosks must notify the Board Administrator and comply with all applicable provisions of the Pharmacy Practice Act and all other applicable laws, including any requirements regarding controlled substances imposed by the Department of Health and Environmental Control (“DHEC”). Permittees electing to utilize these pickup kiosks must also document any errors resulting from the use of the pickup kiosks and shall appear before the Board within six months of the lifting of the declaration of a public health state of emergency. This Order shall remain in effect for the duration of the declared public health state of emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 23, 2020

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY


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