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INDIANA BOARD OF PHARMACY POLICY ON TEMPORARY PHARMACY STRUCTURES

On April 9, 2012, the Indiana Board of Pharmacy voted 6-0-0 to approve and adopt the statement below, which reflects the minimum standards required for temporary pharmacy structures.

Pharmacies undergoing renovations may find the need to utilize temporary pharmacy structures when such renovations render the existing pharmacy unsafe for patients and employees. Temporary pharmacy structures, for the purpose of this policy, refers to structures outside of the building in which the pharmacy normally operates but at the same physical address. In order to protect patient safety, the Board of Pharmacy issues the following requirements for temporary pharmacy structures:

Utilities. The temporary pharmacy structure must have hot and cold running water, full electric capabilities, heat and air conditioning, and adequate lighting.

Technology. The temporary pharmacy structure must have a telephone communication system, fax capabilities if normally utilized in the pharmacy and computer(s) with full access to the software programs normally utilized by the pharmacy.

Security. The temporary pharmacy structure must be protected by a monitored alarm that is part of the permanent pharmacy's system. The temporary pharmacy structure must be stationary; this includes removal of any wheels, the removal of a hitch, and affixing the structure to the ground. Controlled substances and HIPPA-protected information must receive the same protection afforded in the permanent pharmacy.

Accessibility. The temporary pharmacy structure must be handicap accessible. The temporary pharmacy structure must have a customer waiting room that is adequately separated from the pharmacy area by a reasonable barrier, as defined in 856 IAC 1-13-3(b)(4). The temporary pharmacy structure must maintain the same hours of operation as the permanent pharmacy, in accordance with 856 IAC 1-13-3(c).

This policy statement does not supersede federal, state or local laws. It is the pharmacy's responsibility to ensure compliance with all laws and regulations.

The policy does not apply to structures set up to respond to declared emergencies.

IN THE EVENT OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION EITHER NATIONAL, STATE OR LOCAL, CONTACT THE INDIANA BOARD OF PHARMACY FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

