

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-5-12

## **§30-5-12. Scope practice for registered pharmacy technician.**

(a) A registered pharmacy technician shall, under the direct supervision of the licensed pharmacist, perform at a minimum the following:

- (1) Assist in the dispensing process;
- (2) Receive new written or electronic prescription drug orders;
- (3) Compound;
- (4) Stock medications;
- (5) Complete a list of a patient's current prescription and nonprescription medications to provide for medication reconciliation;
- (6) Supervise registered pharmacy technicians and pharmacy technician trainees;
- (7) Medical records screening;
- (8) Administer immunizations, as provided by legislative rule; and
- (9) Perform pharmacy technician product verification, where no clinical judgment is necessary and the pharmacist makes the final verification; if the registered pharmacy technician furnishes to the Board an affidavit signed and dated by the supervising pharmacist-in-charge of the facility which will employee the applicant attesting to the applicant's competency in the advanced areas of practice that he or she will practice; and has either:

(A) Worked as a full-time registered pharmacy technician holding a pharmacy technician endorsement in West Virginia for at least the previous two years; or

(B) Worked as a full-time registered pharmacy technician holding a pharmacy technician license in good standing in another jurisdiction for at least the previous two years.

(b) A registered pharmacy technician may perform the following under indirect supervision of a licensed pharmacist:

- (1) Process medical coverage claims; and
- (2) Cashier.

(c) A registered pharmacy technician may not perform the following:

- (1) Drug regimen review;
  - (2) Clinical conflict resolution;
  - (3) Contact a prescriber concerning prescription drug order clarification or therapy modification;
  - (4) Patient counseling;
  - (5) Dispense process validation;
  - (6) Prescription transfer;
  - (7) Receive new oral prescription drug orders;
  - (8) An act within the practice of pharmacist care that involves discretion or independent professional judgment; or
  - (9) A function which the registrant has not been trained and the function has not been specified in a written protocol with competency established.
- (d) Indirect supervision of a registered pharmacy technician is permitted to allow a pharmacist to take one break of no more than 30 minutes during any contiguous eight-hour period. The pharmacist may leave the pharmacy area but may not leave the building during the break. When a pharmacist is on break, a pharmacy technician may continue to prepare prescriptions for the pharmacist(s) verification. A prescription may not be delivered until the pharmacist has verified the accuracy of the prescription, and counseling, if required, has been provided to or refused by the patient.
- (e) A pharmacy that permits indirect supervision of a pharmacy technician during a pharmacist(s) break shall have either an interactive voice response system or a voice mail system installed on the pharmacy phone line in order to receive new prescription orders and refill authorizations during the break.
- (f) The pharmacy shall establish protocols that require a registered pharmacy technician to interrupt the pharmacist's break if an emergency arises.
- (g) A registered pharmacy technician who has obtained a nuclear pharmacy technician endorsement, may under the direct supervision of the licensed nuclear pharmacist, perform the following:
- (1) Assist in the dispensing process;
  - (2) Receive new written or electronic prescription drug orders;
  - (3) Mix compound ingredients for liquid products, suspensions, ointments, mixes, or blend

for tablet granulations and capsule powders;

- (4) Prepare radiopharmaceuticals;
  - (5) Record keeping;
  - (6) File and organize prescriptions;
  - (7) Create reports;
  - (8) Inventory tasks;
  - (9) Handle raw materials and intermediate or finished products;
  - (10) Perform general maintenance as required on pumps, homogenizers, filter presses, tablet compression machines, and other like machines;
  - (11) Perform standard operating procedures to meet current good manufacturing practices (GMP);
  - (12) Maintain records;
  - (13) Monitor and verify quality in accordance with statistical process or other control procedures; and
  - (14) Stock medications.
- (h) A registered pharmacy technician who has obtained a nuclear pharmacy technician endorsement may not perform the following:
- (1) Drug regimen review;
  - (2) Clinical conflict resolution;
  - (3) Contact a prescriber concerning prescription drug order clarification or therapy modification;
  - (4) Receive new oral prescription drug orders.