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Message from the Board Chairman

Thank you for taking the time to review the most current <u>rules and statutes</u> relevant to the practice of pharmacy in Idaho or for those practicing into Idaho.

The Board recognizes that changes in the education and training of pharmacists, along with rapid advancements in technology, have necessitated a revised approach to regulating the practice of pharmacy. The Board fully embraces these changes and the continued growth of the profession.



<u>Idaho Code 54-1705</u> provides guidance to licensees and registrants when determining whether a specific act is permissible. First, a licensee or registrant should assess whether the act is expressly prohibited by any state or federal law. If it is not, the licensee or registrant should then consider whether:

- The act is consistent with the licensee's or registrant's education, training and practice experience;
- The act falls within the accepted standard of care that would be provided in a similar setting by a reasonable and prudent licensee or registrant with comparable education, training, and experience.

To assist licensees and registrants in navigating the shift from prescriptive rules to the use of professional judgment, consider these two key questions:

- 1. Can I justify this decision as being consistent with good patient care and the law?
- 2. Would this decision withstand a test of reasonableness (e.g., would another prudent pharmacist in a similar situation make the same decision)?

It is the responsibility of each licensee and registrant to ensure that their actions align with the laws and rules governing pharmacy practice in the State of Idaho. If you have questions regarding the legality of your actions, please consult an attorney.

The Board hopes you find this compilation of state laws helpful to your practice of pharmacy in or into Idaho.

Respectfully yours,

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