

ICHP Position Statement - Non-Pharmacist Prescriber Dispensing

The Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists (ICHHP) believes that all medication dispensed must be performed by or under the supervision of a pharmacist. ICHHP opposes the dispensing of medications by non-pharmacist prescribers unless the prescriber dispensing alleviates a patient hardship in obtaining needed medications.

ICHHP recognizes that not all professions are currently held to the same regulatory standards as pharmacy for dispensing medication, with regard to proper medication storage, labeling, record keeping, and patient counseling. In situations when non-pharmacist prescribers do dispense medications, ICHHP strongly recommends that they follow the same standards that govern pharmacy dispensing.

Any relationships that are established between a pharmacist and other individuals to carry out the dispensing function must have oversight by a pharmacist, so that dispensing procedures and practices (a) maintain appropriate patient protection and safety; (b) comply with regulatory and legal requirements, and (c) provide individualized patient care.

Reference:

<https://www.ashp.org/-/media/assets/policy-guidelines/docs/browse-by-document-type-policy-positions-1982.2023-with-rationales-pdf.pdf>

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