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Attached are public comments for Michigan Board of Pharmacy's proposed ruleset on Central Fill Pharmacies.

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The Regulatory Impact Statement was approved by the Administrative Rules Division for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs - Bureau of Professional Licensing.

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~~CENTRALIZED PRESCRIPTION PROCESSING~~ **CENTRAL FILL AND SHARED  
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R 338.3051, R 338.3052, R 338.3053, R 338.3054, R 338.3055, and R 338.3056 of the Michigan Administrative Code are amended, as follows:

PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

R 338.3051 Definitions.

Rule 1. (1) As used in ~~these rules parts 1 and 2 of the centralized prescription processing rules, R 338.3051 to R 338.3054:~~

(a) "Board" means the Michigan board of pharmacy, created in section 17721 of the code, MCL 333.17721.

~~(b)(a) "Centralized prescription processing center" means a pharmacy operated under the direction of a pharmacist that processes information related to the practice of pharmacy and engages in~~ **dispensing functions of centralized prescription processing at the request of an originating pharmacy.**

~~(b) "Centralized prescription processing" is the term defined in section 17753(3) of the code.~~

(c) "Code" means **the public health code**, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.1101 ~~et seq. to 333.25211.~~

(d) "Deliver," as used in this part, means **the actual, constructive, or attempted transfer of to issue** a prescription drug, including a controlled substance, directly to a patient or a patient's agent by the lawful order of a practitioner. ~~A centralized prescription processing center pharmacy that provides a prescription product to another pharmacy for subsequent issuance to a patient or a patient's agent. has not met the definition of deliver as defined in this subrule.~~

**Commented [MC1]:** These rules appear to regulate both central fill pharmacy and shared pharmacy services. Consider updating the title to "Central Fill and Shared Pharmacy Services".

**Commented [MC2]:** Defining "central fill pharmacy" as the all encompassing term for any pharmacy engaged in centralized prescription processing incorrectly combines industry terms used to delineate between shared pharmacy services, a pharmacy engaged in non-dispensing centralized prescription processing, and central fill pharmacy, a pharmacy that engages in dispensing functions of centralized prescription processing.

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(e) "Delivering pharmacist" means a pharmacist who is responsible for delivering a prescription directly to a patient or a patient's agent.

(f) "Delivering pharmacy" means the pharmacy that delivers the filled or refilled prescription to the patient or the patient's ~~authorized representative~~ agent. The delivering pharmacy ~~shall~~ **must** be either the originating pharmacy or the ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy**.

(g) **"Department"** means the department of licensing and regulatory affairs (LARA).

~~(g)~~ **(h)** "Originating pharmacy" means a pharmacy that initially receives a patient's or a prescribing practitioner's request to fill or refill a prescription.

(2) **Unless otherwise defined in these rules, a** ~~The term~~ **term** defined in the code ~~have~~ **has** the same ~~meanings~~ **meaning** ~~when~~ **if** used in these rules.

R 338.3052 ~~Centralized prescription processing~~ **Central fill and shared pharmacy services** ~~pharmacies~~ rules; prevail over other pharmacy rules.

Rule 2. ~~To~~ **(1) In addition to these rules, central fill pharmacies must follow all applicable board rules. However, to the extent that any rule in parts 1 and 2 of the centralized prescription processing these rules conflicts-** ~~conflict~~ with other board of pharmacy rules, the provisions in parts 1 and 2 of the centralized prescription processing ~~these rules shall~~ **must** prevail.

**(2) Shared pharmacy services for processing functions of centralized pharmacy processing that do not involve the dispensing process, such as completing claims adjudication or remote data entry, may be performed under the general supervision of a pharmacist. For this subrule, dispensing process means the physical preparing, compounding, packaging, or labeling of a drug product intended for delivery to the patient.**

**Commented [MC3]:** Adding this clarification is necessary to reflect contemporary practice of pharmacy with shared pharmacy services and make clear the application of "dispense" as defined by MCL 333.17703(3).

R 338.3053 Centralized prescription processing: **dispensing** requirements.

Rule 3. (1) In addition to complying with the requirements of section 17753 of the code, **MCL 333.17753**, a pharmacy **must meet all of the following requirements before it either performs** ~~may perform~~ centralized prescription processing services or ~~outsources these services~~ **centralized prescription processing** to another pharmacy: ~~Pharmacies that perform or outsource prescription processing services shall meet all of the following requirements:~~

(a) ~~Be licensed by the Michigan board of pharmacy~~ **Hold a pharmacy license in this state.**

(b) Share sufficient patient and drug information to minimize the possibility of an adverse drug event.

(c) Maintain ~~prescription information or an equivalent record, as prescribed in section 17752(1) of the code, and the records required in R 338.3054 of this part,~~ for 5 years **from the date of dispensing.** ~~A centralized prescription processing center and an original pharmacy~~ **The pharmacy** shall ensure that the ~~information records~~ **records** ~~is~~ **are** readily retrievable within 48 hours after the ~~board's agent~~ **department** makes a request for the ~~information records.~~ If the records are maintained in a digital format, a printed copy

~~shall~~**must** be made available **to the department or other authorized individual** immediately to the board's agent upon request.

(2) **The originating pharmacy shall maintain the original prescription for a period of 5 years after the date the prescription was filled.**

(3) **Two years after the prescription was filled, the originating pharmacy may make an electronic duplicate of the original paper prescription, which becomes the original prescription. The originating pharmacy shall present a printed copy of the electronic duplicate of the prescription to the department or board upon request.**

~~(2)(4)~~ A pharmacy engaging in centralized prescription processing ~~shall be~~ responsible for each function of the prescription's processing performed by that pharmacy.

~~(3)(5)~~ A delivering pharmacist ~~shall be~~ responsible for complying with ~~R 338.490(4)~~ **R 338.589(4)** regarding patient counseling.

~~(4)(6)~~ The prescription label for a prescription that was filled by a ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy** ~~shall~~**must** identify each pharmacy that was involved in ~~preparing~~**dispensing** and delivering ~~the~~ prescription. A ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy** may be identified on a prescription label by use of a unique identifier that is recognized by the delivering pharmacist. **A central fill pharmacy shall create and maintain a unique identifier and communicate the unique identifier to all pharmacies that use its services.** As used in this subrule, "unique identifier" means a unique combination of letters, numbers, or symbols that allows the delivering pharmacy to identify the specific ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy** involved in the processing of the prescription. ~~A centralized prescription processing center shall create and maintain a unique identifier and shall communicate the unique identifier to all pharmacies that use its services.~~

~~(5)(7)~~ A prescription that was not delivered to a patient may be transferred back to the pharmacy that filled the prescription, ~~provided that~~ if the transfer records are maintained. A ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy** and an originating pharmacy shall establish procedures for the disposition of prescription medication that was not delivered to patients. This medication may be returned to stock and may be ~~re-delivered~~ **re-dispensed** without constituting a violation of ~~R 338.472(1)~~ **338.503(1)**.

~~(6)(8)~~ A pharmacy that performs or contracts for centralized prescription **processing services** shall comply with the procedures described in its policies and procedures manual, ~~as provided in~~ **pursuant to** section 17753(2) of the code, **MCL 333.17753**.

R 338.3054 Records maintenance; requirements for ~~centralized prescription processing~~ **central fill** pharmacies.

Rule 4. (1) An originating pharmacy shall maintain records that indicate all of the following:

(a) The date the request for centralized prescription processing ~~services~~ was transmitted to a ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy**.

(b) The method of transmittal.

(c) The identification of the pharmacist responsible for the transmission.

(d) The name and address of the ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy** ~~to which~~ **where** the request for centralized prescription processing ~~services~~ was transmitted.

- (e) The date the delivering pharmacy received the filled prescription from the ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy**.
- (f) The name of the pharmacy employee who accepted the ~~delivery~~ **transfer** of a filled prescription from a ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy**.
- (g) The identification of the pharmacist who was responsible for delivering the prescription to the patient or the patient's agent.
- (2) A ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy** that receives the transmitted prescription shall maintain records that indicate all of the following, as applicable to its function:
- (a) The date the request for centralized prescription processing ~~services~~ was received from the originating pharmacy.
- (b) The name and address of the originating pharmacy ~~from which~~ **where** the request for centralized prescription processing ~~services~~ was received.
- (c) The date the prescription was processed, verified, or filled.
- (d) The identification of ~~any the pharmacist~~ **pharmacists** who ~~was~~ **were** responsible for processing the prescription and shipping ~~the~~ filled prescription to an originating pharmacy or delivering ~~the~~ filled prescription to a patient or a patient's agent.
- (e) The date the filled prescription was shipped to the originating pharmacy or was shipped or delivered to the patient or the patient's agent.
- (f) ~~If shipped, the~~ **The** name and address of the patient to whom the filled prescription was shipped, **if shipped**.
- (g) The method of delivery, such as private, common, or contract carrier, if shipped.
- (3) If a prescription was not delivered to a patient and was transferred back to the pharmacy that filled the prescription, that pharmacy shall maintain the transfer records.

## PART 2. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PRESCRIPTIONS

R 338.3055 Schedule 2, 3, 4, or 5 controlled substances prescriptions; requirements for ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill** pharmacies.

Rule 5. (1) In addition to complying with the requirements of ~~Part~~ **part** 1 of these rules, a pharmacy that performs or contracts for centralized prescription processing ~~services~~ shall comply with this rule ~~when~~ **if** processing a prescription for a schedule 2, 3, 4, or 5 controlled substance.

(2) Prescriptions for controlled substances may be transmitted electronically, including by facsimile, from an originating pharmacy to a ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy**.

(3) An originating pharmacy that transmits prescription information for a controlled substance to a ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy** shall comply with all of the following:

(a) Ensure that the words "CENTRAL FILL" are on the face of the original prescription and **the originating pharmacy shall** record all of the following information:

(i) ~~the~~ **The** name, address, and the ~~federal drug enforcement administration (dea)~~ **Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)** registration number of the ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy** ~~to which~~ **where** the prescription ~~had been~~ **was** transmitted;

(ii) ~~the~~ **The** name of the pharmacist at the originating pharmacy who transmitted the prescription;

(iii) ~~and, the~~ **The** date of transmittal.

(b) Ensure that ~~all the~~ information that is required ~~to be~~ on a prescription ~~pursuant to the provisions of 21 CFR, F.R. § 1306.05 and R 338.3161~~ is transmitted to the ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy**, either on the face of the original prescription or in the electronic transmission of ~~the prescription information~~.

(c) ~~Indicate~~ **Include all of the following** in the prescription ~~information that is transmitted~~:

(i) ~~the~~ **The** number of refills already dispensed.

(ii) ~~and the~~ **The** number of refills remaining.

(d) Maintain the original prescription for a period of 5 years from the date the prescription was filled.

**(4) Two years after the prescription was filled, the originating pharmacy may make an electronic duplicate of the original printed prescription, which becomes the original prescription. A pharmacy shall present a printed copy of the electronic duplicate of the prescription to the department or board upon request.**

~~(4)~~**(5)** In addition to complying with the requirements in R ~~338.3053~~**338.3054**(2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g), a ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy** that receives the transmitted prescription shall comply with ~~both~~ **all** of the following:

(a) Maintain records for 5 years after ~~the~~ **the date of transmittal**.

(b) ~~Keep~~**Maintain** a copy of the prescription if it was sent via facsimile or an electronic record of all the information transmitted by the originating pharmacy, including the name, address, and ~~the~~ **DEA** registration number of the originating pharmacy that transmitted the prescription.

(c) **Maintain a record of the date the filled prescription was dispensed and the method of dispensing.**

R 338.3056 Reporting to the electronic system for monitoring controlled substances.

Rule 6. As used in this part, the pharmacy that uses its stock to fill a prescription for a controlled substance ~~shall be~~ **is** the pharmacy responsible to report to the department or the department's contractor the information required in R 338.3162b for each **controlled substance** prescription of a ~~controlled substance~~.

**Central Fill Pharmacies Rules - ORR 2021-093 LR**  
**Public Comment Summary**  
**Rules Committee's Recommendations to December 14, 2022, Public Comments**

**Testimony/Comments Received:**

Charlie Mollien

**Title**

Rule Numbers	Commenter	Comment
Title	Mollien	The rules appear to regulate both central fill pharmacies and shared pharmacy services. Consider updating the title to “Central Fill <b>and Shared Pharmacy Services</b> ”.
<b>Rules Committee Response</b>	The Rules Committee agrees with the comment to modify the title to include both Central fill and Shared Pharmacy Services.	
<b>Board Response</b>	The Board agrees with the comment to modify the title to include both Central fill and Shared Pharmacy Services.	

~~CENTRALIZED PRESCRIPTION PROCESSING PHARMACIES~~ **CENTRAL FILL AND SHARED PHARMACY SERVICES**

**Rule 338.3051 Definitions.**

Rule Numbers	Commenter	Comment
Section (1)(b)	Mollien	<p>Defining "central fill pharmacy" as the all-encompassing term for any pharmacy engaged in centralized prescription processing incorrectly combines industry terms used to delineate between shared pharmacy services, a pharmacy engaged in non-dispensing centralized prescription processing, and central fill pharmacy, a pharmacy that engages in dispensing functions of centralized prescription processing. Modify to:</p> <p><del>(b)(a) "Centralized prescription processing center"</del> <b>(b)(a) "Central fill pharmacy processing center"</b> means a pharmacy operated under the direction of a pharmacist that processes information related to the practice of pharmacy and engages in <b>dispensing functions of</b> centralized prescription processing <b>at the</b></p>

	<b>request of an originating pharmacy.</b>
<b>Rules Committee Response</b>	The Rules Committee agrees with the comment to clarify that a central fill pharmacy is a pharmacy that is handling dispensing functions versus shared pharmacy services that describes a pharmacy engaged in processing functions of centralized pharmacy processing.
<b>Board Response</b>	The Board agrees with the comment to clarify that a central fill pharmacy is a pharmacy that handles dispensing functions versus shared pharmacy services.

R 338.3051 Definitions.

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**(a) "Board" means the Michigan board of pharmacy, created in section 17721 of the code, MCL 333.17721.**

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~~(f) "Delivering pharmacy" means the pharmacy that delivers the filled or refilled prescription to the patient or the patient's authorized representative agent. The delivering pharmacy shall must be either the originating pharmacy or the centralized prescription processing center central fill pharmacy.~~

**(g) "Department" means the department of licensing and regulatory affairs (LARA).**

~~(g)(h) "Originating pharmacy" means a pharmacy that initially receives a patient's or a prescribing practitioner's request to fill or refill a prescription.~~

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**Rule 338.3052**

~~Centralized prescription processing~~ **Central fill pharmacies and shared pharmacy services** rules; prevail over other pharmacy rules.

Rule Numbers	Commenter	Comment
Title	Mollien	The rules appear to regulate both central fill pharmacies and shared pharmacy services. Consider updating the title to “Central Fill <b>and Shared Pharmacy Services</b> rules; prevail over other pharmacy rules”.
	Mollien	Divide rule into (1) and (2). Adding this clarification is necessary to reflect contemporary practice of pharmacy with shared pharmacy services and make clear the application of "dispense" as defined by MCL 333.17703(3).  Delete “central fill” in first line.
Modify (1) and Add (2)	Mollien	<b>(1)</b> Delete central fill from (1) <b>(2) Shared pharmacy services for processing functions of centralized pharmacy processing that do not involve the dispensing process, such as completing claims adjudication or remote data entry, may be performed under the general supervision of a pharmacist. For this subrule, dispensing process means the physical preparing, compounding, packaging, or labeling of a drug product intended for delivery to the patient.</b>
<b>Rules Committee Response</b>	<b>Title:</b> The Rules Committee agrees with the comment to modify the title to include both central fill and shared pharmacy services. <b>(1) and (2):</b> The Rules Committee agrees with the comment that the rule should be divided into two provisions, and accepts the language recommended in (1) and (2) above, to reflect that central fill involves dispensing versus other shared services for processing functions of centralized pharmacy processing that does not involve dispensing.	
<b>Board Response</b>	<b>Title:</b> The Board agrees with the comment to modify the title to include both central fill and shared pharmacy services. <b>(1) and (2):</b> The Board agrees with the comment that the rule should be divided into two provisions, and accepts the language recommended in (1) and (2) above, to reflect that central fill involves dispensing versus other shared services for processing functions of centralized pharmacy processing that does not involve dispensing.	

R 338.3052 ~~Centralized prescription processing~~ **Central fill pharmacies** rules; prevail over other pharmacy rules.

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**Rule 338.3053** Centralized prescription processing; requirements.

Rule Numbers	Commenter	Comment
Title	Mollien	Add “dispensing” to title. Centralized prescription processing; <b>dispensing</b> requirements.
<b>Rules Committee Response</b>	The Rules Committee agrees with the comment to add “dispensing” to the title.	
<b>Board Response</b>	The Board agrees with the comment to add “dispensing” to the title.	

R 338.3053 Centralized prescription processing; **dispensing** requirements.

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- (c) ~~Maintain prescription information or an equivalent record, as prescribed in section 17752(1) of the code, and the records required in R 338.3054 of this part, for 5 years~~ **from the date of dispensing.** ~~A centralized prescription processing center and an original pharmacy~~ **The pharmacy shall ensure that the information records are** readily retrievable within 48 hours after the ~~board's agent~~ **department** makes a request for the ~~information records.~~ If the records are maintained in a digital format, a printed copy ~~shall~~ **must** be made available **to the department or other authorized individual** ~~immediately to the board's agent~~ upon request.

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~~(5)~~**(7)** A prescription that was not delivered to a patient may be transferred back to the pharmacy that filled the prescription, ~~provided that~~**if** the transfer records are maintained. A ~~centralized prescription processing center~~ **central fill pharmacy** and an originating pharmacy shall establish procedures for the disposition of prescription medication that was not delivered to patients. This medication may be returned to stock and may be ~~re-delivered~~ **re-dispensed** without constituting a violation of ~~R 338.472(1)~~ **338.503(1)**.

~~(6)~~**(8)** A pharmacy that performs or contracts for centralized prescription ~~processing services~~ **processing** shall comply with the procedures described in its policies and procedures manual, ~~as provided in~~ **pursuant to** section 17753(2) of the code, **MCL 333.17753**.