

TITLE 30: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
PART 3001: MISSISSIPPI PHARMACY PRACTICE REGULATIONS

**ARTICLE XXXVI PHARMACEUTICAL HEALTH CARE INITIATION AND/OR
MODIFICATION OF DRUG THERAPY UNDER PROTOCOL**

1. Pharmacists may provide pharmaceutical health care to patients by initiating, discontinuing or modifying prescription drug therapy upon entering into an active protocol agreement with a licensed prescribing practitioner. Each protocol must define the parameters by which the practitioner delegates this authority and any such authority granted must be within the scope of the practitioner's prescribing authority and current practice. A copy of the written protocol shall be made available upon request of the Board or an agent of the Board.

For purposes of this ARTICLE, "protocol" shall mean a written agreement with a practitioner authorized to prescribe drugs whereby the prescribing practitioner delegates to a pharmacist or pharmacists, authority to conduct specific initiation, discontinuation or modification of drug therapy functions for those patients common to the practitioner and pharmacist(s).

2. For a pharmacist to initiate, discontinue or modify drug therapy under protocol a pharmacist must have and maintain an unrestricted license to practice pharmacy issued by the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy and notify the Board pursuant to the Board's licensing system that he/she is operating under a protocol.
3. Protocol agreements shall include, at a minimum, the following:
 - A. Identification of the practitioner and pharmacist(s) with whom the protocol is written;
 - B. Specific responsibilities authorized by the practitioner;
 - C. Patient data the practitioner wishes the pharmacist(s) to collect;
 - D. Data reporting frequency and methods;
 - E. The procedures or plan that the pharmacist shall follow upon initiation and/or modification of drug therapy; and
 - F. The duration of the protocol agreement not to exceed two (2) years.
4. The prescription/drug order for any drug dispensed under a protocol shall indicate the name of the pharmacist initiating/modifying the prescription. The protocol shall be limited to non-scheduled drugs.

