

Miss. Code Ann. § 73-21-106

Current with 2023 Regular Session legislation signed by the Governor and effective upon passage through March 18, 2023. The final official version of the statutes affected by 2023 legislation will appear on Lexis Advance and Lexis+ in the fall of 2023.

[Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated](#)>[Title 73. Professions and Vocations \(Chs. 1 — 79\)](#)>[Chapter 21. Pharmacists \(§§ 73-21-1 — 73-21-205\)](#)>[Mississippi Pharmacy Practice Act \(§§ 73-21-69 — 73-21-129\)](#)

§ 73-21-106. Registration requirement for nonresident pharmacies that ship, mail, or deliver drugs into state [Repealed effective July 1, 2025].

(1) Any pharmacy located outside this state that ships, mails or delivers, in any manner, controlled substances or prescription or legend drugs or devices into this state shall be considered a nonresident pharmacy and shall be permitted by the board. The board shall establish by rule or regulation the criteria that each nonresident pharmacy must meet to qualify for a nonresident permit. After a permit has been issued, it may not be amended, transferred or reassigned. A pharmacist-in-charge of a nonresident pharmacy may not be the pharmacist-in-charge at any other location that has been issued a permit by the board.

(2) Each nonresident pharmacy shall:

(a) Comply with all lawful directions and requests for information from the regulatory or licensing agency of the state in which it is licensed as well as with all requests for information made by the board under this section. The nonresident pharmacy shall maintain at all times a valid unexpired license, permit or registration to conduct the pharmacy in compliance with the laws of the state in which it is a resident. As a prerequisite to being permitted by the board, the nonresident pharmacy shall submit a copy of the most recent inspection report resulting from an inspection conducted by the regulatory or licensing agency of the state in which it is located;

(b) Maintain its records of controlled substances and prescription or legend drugs or devices dispensed to patients in this state so that the records are readily retrievable from the records of other drugs dispensed; and

(c) Certify that it understands Mississippi pharmacy laws and regulations and agrees to comply with those laws and regulations and any other state or federal laws that apply to the practice of pharmacy. The pharmacist-in-charge must hold a Mississippi pharmacist license, be licensed to practice pharmacy in the state of residence of the nonresident pharmacy, and be current and in good standing with the licensing boards of both states.

(3) Any pharmacy subject to this section shall provide during its regular hours of operation, but not less than six (6) days per week and for a minimum of forty (40) hours per week, a toll-free telephone service to facilitate communication between patients in this state and a pharmacist at the pharmacy who has access to the patient's records. This toll-free number shall be disclosed on a label affixed to each container of drugs dispensed to patients in this state.

(4) The permit fee for nonresident pharmacies shall be the same as the fee as set by subsection (4) of Section 73-21-105.

(5) The permit requirements of this section shall apply to any nonresident pharmacy that dispenses, distributes, ships, mails or delivers controlled substances or prescription or legend drugs and devices into this state directly to a consumer.

(6) The board may deny, revoke or suspend a nonresident pharmacy permit only for:

(a) Failure to comply with any requirement of this section or Section 41-29-125;

(b) Conduct that causes serious bodily or serious psychological injury to a resident of this state if the board has referred the matter to the regulatory or licensing agency in the state in which the pharmacy is located and the regulatory or licensing agency fails to initiate an investigation within forty-five (45) days of the referral; or

(c) Violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law.

(7) It is unlawful for any nonresident pharmacy that is not permitted under this section to advertise its services in this state, or for any person who is a resident of this state to advertise the pharmacy services of a nonresident pharmacy that is not permitted with the

board, with the knowledge that the advertisement will or is likely to induce members of the public in this state to use the pharmacy to fill prescriptions.

(8) When requested to do so by the board or the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, each nonresident pharmacy shall supply any inspection reports, controlled substances dispensing records, warning notices, notice of deficiency reports or any other related reports from the state in which it is located concerning the operation of a nonresident pharmacy for review of compliance with state and federal drug laws.

History

Laws, 1994, ch. 513, § 9; Laws, 2009, ch. 469, § 2; Laws, 2011, ch. 466, § 3; Laws, 2011, ch. 546, § 33; reenacted and amended, Laws, 2016, ch. 448, § 20, eff from and after July 1, 2016; reenacted without change, Laws, 2020, ch. 419, § 19, eff from and after July 1, 2020.