



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PHARMACY**

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy is charged with the protection of the public health as it relates to patient safety, patient health, patient access, and patient services, and;

WHEREAS, severe weather-related events can cause the displacement of numerous citizens of the State of Mississippi and other nearby States; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Mississippi has issued a Proclamation dated January 26, 2026, declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of extreme freezing temperatures and severe winter weather, including sleet, freezing rain and ice beginning on January 23, 2026, and continuing; and

WHEREAS, large areas of the State of Mississippi have been severely affected by extreme freezing temperatures and severe winter weather causing extensive damage to infrastructure, homes, businesses, and public property, and threatening the safety of Mississippians and their property; and

WHEREAS, in the best interest of protecting the public health and to facilitate access by the public to drugs that are vital and necessary to maintaining each individual's health; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy issued a Resolution on September 4, 2018, to be effective during any State of Emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Mississippi or upon the authorization of the President of the Board due to a state of emergency in a nearby state, now therefor;

Be it resolved that an Institutional Facility permitted with the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy may dispense a seven (7) day supply of discharge medication for a patient being discharged from the facility.

Be it also resolved, in the event that a pharmacist receives a request for a prescription refill and the pharmacist is unable to obtain refill authorization from the prescriber, the pharmacist may dispense a one-time emergency refill of the prescribed NON-CONTROLLED medication, provided that;

1. The prescription is not for a medicinal drug listed as a Scheduled Control Substance;
2. The medication is essential to the maintenance of life or to the continuation of therapy;

3. The pharmacist must use his or her professional judgment, the interruption of therapy might reasonably produce undesirable health consequences or may cause physical or mental discomfort;
4. The pharmacist properly records the dispensing; and
5. The dispensing pharmacist notifies the prescriber of the emergency dispensing within a reasonable time after the one-time emergency refill dispensing.