



NOTICE OF TEXT

[Authority G.S. 150B-21.2(c)]

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1. Rule-Making Agency: [Board of Pharmacy](#)

2. Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): <https://www.ncbop.org/rulemakings.htm>

3. Proposed Action -- Check the appropriate box(es) and list rule citation(s) beside proposed action:

ADOPTION: 21 NCAC 46 .1420

AMENDMENT:

REPEAL:

READOPTION with substantive changes:

READOPTION without substantive changes:

REPEAL through READOPTION:

4. Proposed effective date: [08/01/2026](#)

5. Is a public hearing planned? [Yes](#)

If yes:

Date	Time	Location
05/19/2026	9:00 a.m.	North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, 6015 Farrington Road, Suite 201, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

6. If no public hearing is scheduled, provide instructions on how to demand a public hearing:

7. Explain Reason For Proposed Rule(s):

The Board has proposed adopting a rule to accommodate standardized orders in health care pharmacy settings (such as hospitals and long-term care facilities). Standardized orders are ones that allow a health care facility pharmacist-manager to establish criteria for ordering medications that are determined to be safe for all patients meeting those criteria, regardless of any drugs, supplements or other substances that might have been consumed by those patients. Because of the absence of any relevant distinction among those patients, the medications would be able to be dispensed without patient-specific drug regimen review being performed. This rule was the product of study by a working group that included members from a wide variety of health care pharmacy settings.

8. Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or email. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

Rule(s) is automatically subject to legislative review. Cite statutory reference:

9. The person to whom written comments may be submitted on the proposed rule(s):

Name: Jay Campbell
Address: North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, 6015 Farrington Road, Suite 201
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
Phone (optional):
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10. Comment Period Ends: 06/15/2026

11. Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

No fiscal note required

12. Rule-making Coordinator:

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13. The Agency formally proposed the text of this rule(s) on

Date: 03/17/2026

1 21 NCAC 46 .1420 is proposed for adoption as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 46 .1420** **STANDARDIZED ORDERS**

4 (a) This Rule applies if a Health Care Facility has developed a set of standardized orders for its patients. As used in
5 this Rule, standardized orders are pre-established written protocols that allow authorized practitioners at the Health
6 Care Facility to administer medications to a patient who meets defined criteria.

7 (b) A pharmacist-manager of Health Care Facility Pharmacy may establish which of those standardized orders are
8 safe and effective for all patients presenting a set of predetermined criteria established by the pharmacist-manager.

9 Those orders must be safe and effective for all patients presenting those criteria, regardless of any drugs,
10 supplements or other substances that might have been consumed by any patient. Any standardized orders so
11 designated by the pharmacist-manager may be dispensed by the pharmacy to a Health Care Facility patient without
12 any patient-specific drug regimen review being performed by the pharmacist.

13 (c) The pharmacist-manager must maintain policies and procedures sufficient to identify the standardized orders
14 and the criteria for issuing those standardized orders, as well as the process by which those orders are to be
15 dispensed. The pharmacist-manager must also keep records of all dispensing pursuant to this rule, including the
16 authorized practitioner's determination that the standardized order was appropriate and documentation that any
17 criteria have been met.

18 (d) This rule does not apply to outpatient pharmacies or to drugs dispensed pursuant to 21 NCAC 46 .1415.

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20 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 90-18.1; 90-18.2; 90-85.6; 90-85-21; 90-85.26; 90-85.33; 90-85.34;*
21 *Eff. September 1, 2026.*