



October 26, 2020

Philip J. Trapskin
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RE: Variance Request per Wis. Stat. § 450.02(3m)

Dear Mr. Trapskin,

On March 17, 2020, the Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board granted a variance of Wis. Admin. Code § Phar 15.32(5), to **allow pharmacists and compounding personnel to re-use personal protective equipment (PPE) subject to the pharmacist's professional judgment regarding the condition of the equipment and suitability for re-use.** This included all PPE listed in Section Phar 15.32(5), specifically coveralls, shoe covers, hair and facial covers, face masks, eye shields, and gloves. The stated purpose of the request was to compensate for a shortage of PPE during the COVID-19 emergency. The Board later extended this variance to August 1, 2020, and extended it again until October 29, 2020.

In light of the issuance of Emergency Order 2 on October 1, 2020, the Board considered whether to extend this variance on October 22, 2020, and determined that the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 450.02(3m)(b) have been met. This variance is hereby **extended to January 1, 2021**, unless modified, rescinded, or extended by further action of the Pharmacy Examining Board pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.02(3m)(b).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jameson R. Whitney'.

Jameson R. Whitney
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