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RE: Variance Request per Wis. Stats. §450.02(3m)

Dear Ms. Sorum,

On March 15, 2020, the Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board reviewed your variance request and correspondence of March 6, 2020. You requested a variance of Wis. Admin. Code Phar 15.31(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 would include all PPE listed in Phar 15.31(5), specifically coveralls, shoe covers, hair and facial covers, face masks, eye shields, and gloves. The stated purpose of the request is to compensate for a shortage of PPE during the COVID-19 emergency.

The Board considered the evidence presented and determined that the requirements of Wis. Stats. §450.02(3m)(a) have been met. **Your variance, as requested, has been granted.** This variance shall apply to all Wisconsin pharmacists and compounding personnel, and shall remain in effect for 90 days from today's date pursuant to Wis. Stats. §450.02(3m)(b), unless modified or extended by further action of the Pharmacy Examining Board.

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

Sincerely,

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