

AMENDMENT

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TO: HB 259

- 1 Page 2, line 30, following "provider,"
- 2 Insert "documented telephone calls from the prescriber or prescriber's agent,"

Explanation of Amendment I.4

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This amendment would allow pharmacists to use telephone records when responding to a pharmacy audit.

A lot of documentation occurs after phone calls to a doctor, dentist, or other medical provider, pharmacists say, and should be part of the record when they are audited.

For example, a patient may show up at a pharmacy to pick up a penicillin prescription sent by fax by a dentist to the pharmacy. Upon review, the pharmacist may see that the patient is allergic to penicillin and confirms that with the patient. The pharmacist, then, could fax the prescription back to the provider and tell the patient to come back the next day because the dentist usually doesn't look over fax requests until the next morning, or the pharmacist sees that the patient clearly has a dental infection indicated by swelling so the pharmacist calls the dentist about the concern and the dentist changes the prescription to another antibiotic. The pharmacist then documents the change on the original fax prescription, and the patient gets the proper medication.