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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Board-Licensed Retail Pharmacies

FROM: Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy

DATE: March 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Guaifenesin with Codeine Products

The Board has become aware that some pharmacies are not stocking guaifenesin with codeine products due to issues with theft. However, regulations at 247 CMR 9.19(1)(f) require pharmacies to maintain medications to meet the needs of the community.

The Board does not intend to enforce this regulation as long as upon receipt of a valid prescription, the pharmacist contacts the prescriber to find an alternative product or arrange for the medication to be provided by another means in a timely manner (e.g., mail order, pharmacy “hub” store, central fill, etc.).

In order to deter theft, the Board has no objection to the posting of signage stating that guaifenesin with codeine products are not available.

Please direct any questions to: Pharmacy.Admin@mass.gov