

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION
CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES
Health Care Department Operations Manual

3.5.33 Temporary Absence of the Pharmacist

(a) Policy

This policy provides for the continued legal operation of the pharmacy during a temporary absence of the pharmacist as permitted by federal and state law.

(b) Purpose

To ensure that pharmacy operations may continue during the temporary absence of a pharmacist as permitted by federal and state law.

(c) Procedure

- (1) The Chief Executive Officer and the Pharmacist in Charge (PIC) are responsible for providing pharmacist coverage for the pharmacy during the facilities hours of operation.
- (2) It is permissible for the pharmacist to be temporarily absent from the licensed pharmacy for the performance of authorized duties within the institution, breaks, and meal periods.
- (3) During temporary absences, the pharmacist on duty and the PIC remain responsible for all work. No work performed during a temporary absence of a pharmacist shall leave the pharmacy without being checked by a pharmacist.
- (4) During temporary absences, the pharmacist on duty and the PIC remain responsible for the security of the pharmacy. Any issues with pharmacy security shall be addressed by the Health Care Department Operations Manual, Section 3.5.21, Break-in, Theft/Loss From Pharmacy or Medication Storage Areas.

References

- California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 17, Article 2, Section 1714.1 (f)
- Health Care Department Operations Manual, Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 3.5.21, Break-in, Theft/Loss From Pharmacy or Medication Storage Areas

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