

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH

Health Professions Act

Ministerial Order No. M140

I, Brian Westgate, as delegate of the Minister of Health, order that the amendments to the bylaws of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia made under the *Health Professions Act*, as set out in the schedule to the attached resolution of the board of the College dated April 30, 2020 come into force on May 5, 2020.

May 1, 2020

Date



Brian Westgate
A/Director, Regulatory Initiatives
Ministry of Health

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Health Professions Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 183, s. 19 (3.2) (b)

Other: Ministry of Health Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 301, s. 4 (2)


Resolution of the Board of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia made the 30th day of April, 2020, at Vancouver, British Columbia.

RESOLVED THAT, in accordance with the authority established in section 19(1)(k) of the *Health Professions Act*, and subject to filing with the Minister as required by section 19(3) of the *Health Professions Act*, the Board of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia amend the bylaws of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia, as set out in the schedule attached to this resolution, and file such bylaws with the Minister of Health.

Certified a true copy



Bob Nakagawa
Registrar

<p>FILED MINISTRY OF HEALTH APR 30 2020 SIGNATURE:  NAME: <u>Brian Westgate</u> TITLE: <u>ADirector, Regulatory Initiatives</u></p>

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS

Schedule F – Part 5 – Part 5 – Dispensing Drugs for the Purposes of Medical Assistance in Dying Standards, Limits and Conditions of bylaws of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia made under the authority of the *Health Professions Act* are amended in light of COVID-19 related drug shortages to temporarily allow return to inventory, injectable drugs previously dispensed for the purpose of providing Medical Assistance in Dying, as follows:

1. Section 5 is repealed and replaced by the following:

The full pharmacist must contact the prescribing medical practitioner or nurse practitioner after the scheduled date and time of drug administration to collaborate relating to the return, within 72 hours of the patient's death, of any unused and partially used medications to the pharmacist for disposal. Upon receipt of the returned medications and the medication administration record from the prescribing medical practitioner or nurse practitioner, the full pharmacist must review the medication administration record for reconciliation of returned medications.

Notice: May 5, 2020 Effective immediately and for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency in British Columbia, the prohibition on return and re-use of previously dispensed medical assistance in dying medications is subject to the following exemption. If there is a shortage of medication for medical assistance in dying, a pharmacist may accept for return to inventory, injectable medication previously dispensed for the purpose of providing medical assistance in dying if they are satisfied that:

- a) the medication has not left the possession of the prescribing medical practitioner or nurse practitioner, or a licensed health care professional assigned by the physician or nurse practitioner; and the integrity of the medication can be verified;
- b) each dose is unused and in the original sealed tamper proof kit; and,
- c) the medication has been maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements and any other applicable requirements.