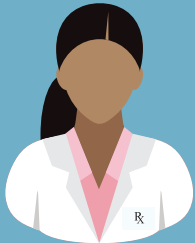


TECHNICIAN PRODUCT VERIFICATION

WHAT IS IT ?

Utilizing pharmacy technicians with advanced training to perform the final check to ensure a prescription was filled correctly.

ROLES IN THE PHARMACY



Pharmacist

- Pharmacist degree from accredited college of pharmacy
- Ensures dispensing accuracy & safety
- Provides services to improve patient outcomes
- Educates patients about their medication
- Oversees technician functions

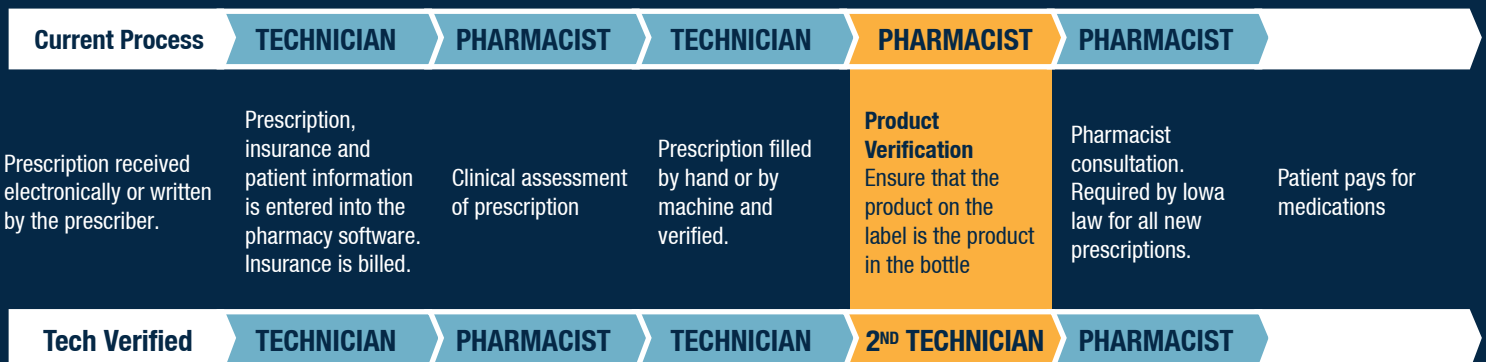


Certified Pharmacy Technician

- Nationally certified (required in Iowa)
- Prepares medications
- Compounds medications
- Enter prescriptions
- Process insurance claims

PRODUCT VERIFICATION

Technician product verification simply moves one technical function from a pharmacist to a qualified certified technician:



Nationwide, technician product verification has been implemented in hospital pharmacies for decades and in Iowa in hospital pharmacies since 2008. The process was piloted, with the approval of the Iowa Board of Pharmacy, in 17 community pharmacies across Iowa since 2014.

WHY?

Optimizing pharmacy technicians allows the pharmacist to provide more patient care services like health screenings, medication therapy management, immunizations, medication synchronization, and adherence packaging and consultation. Integration of the pharmacist into patient care through these types of services can have a profound impact on a patient's health. For example:

- Pharmacists are the most accessible healthcare professional in the community – each of Iowa's 99 counties has at least one pharmacy.
- Patients are **3x less likely to be readmitted to hospital** when a pharmacist provides clinical services after discharge.
- Patients are more likely to adhere to medication therapies when under a pharmacist's care.

IS IT SAFE?

YES.

Data from the pilot program has found that technician product verification is just as safe, and at times safer than the traditional process.

For more information about technician product verification or the current pilot program, contact the Iowa Pharmacy Association.



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