

From: Virginia Board of Pharmacy

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Subject: Important: Supervision of Pharmacy Technicians, Executive Order 16



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As part of his COVID Action Plan, Governor Glenn Youngkin signed [Executive Order 16](#), to give flexibility and support to healthcare providers, hospitals and other healthcare facilities.

Paragraph 13 of Executive Order 16 increases the number of persons performing the duties of a pharmacy technician that a pharmacist may supervise to five (5) and exempts pharmacy technicians performing COVID-19 administrative tasks from being counted in the ratio. Please be advised that the administration of a CLIA-waived test or vaccine does not constitute an administrative task. Additionally, the decision regarding the number of pharmacy technicians a pharmacist will supervise, and whether any other duty constitutes a COVID-19 administrative task, is a decision that must be made by the Pharmacist-in-Charge or pharmacist on duty, pursuant to 18VAC110-20-112(A) and 18VAC110-20-110(C). The Executive Order shall remain in effect until **March 22, 2022**, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order or directive.

Relevant Regulations:

[18VAC110-20-112\(A\)](#) provides that a pharmacist shall determine the number of pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician trainees he can safely and competently supervise at one time; however, no pharmacist shall supervise more than four persons performing the duties of a pharmacy technician at one time.

[18VAC110-20-110\(C\)](#) provides that the Pharmacist in Charge or the pharmacist on duty shall control all aspects of the practice of the pharmacy. Any decision overriding such control of the PIC or other pharmacist on duty shall be deemed the practice of pharmacy and may be grounds for disciplinary action against the pharmacy permit.

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