

- * The current pharmacy statute and rules states:

353.30 Use of agreements and immunizations

A. The use of agreements in the practice of pharmacy shall be acceptable within the rules promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy and in consultation with the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

535:10-9-5. Agreements.

(a) Agreements will be allowed between Oklahoma licensed pharmacists and physicians licensed by the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure or the Oklahoma Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

(b) A copy of the agreement shall be filed in the pharmacy and be available for review by the Board.

(c) The agreement shall not violate any state or federal law.

[Source: Added at 20 Ok Reg. 2476, eff. 7-11-2003]

There are no limitations or specific requirements as to what these agreements represent. This rules process places specific conditions on the agreements between the physician and pharmacist to better address the collaborative agreement process.

- * There is no expansion in the scope of pharmacy practice with the CMTM rules in as much as the existing statutes/rules allow for such agreements. Again, this rule process provides guidelines as to what a quality CMTM process should be. There are many Oklahoma physicians currently working with pharmacists in collaborative agreements for medication therapy management across the state.
- * This is a collaborative agreement process between the physician or group of physicians and the pharmacist or group of pharmacists regarding medication therapy management. The medication therapy management process can only be instituted by the pharmacist when requested by the physician through the CMTM agreement. The pharmacist cannot act independently in this process. Additionally, this process would affect only those physicians that desire the collaborative assistance of the pharmacist. Physicians that do not want this collaborative service would not be affected.
- * The scope of the pharmacist's professional functions in the CMTM process is strictly limited to what is allowed in the written CMTM protocol as defined by the physician. Again, the pharmacist can not perform any functions relative to patient assessment, laboratory testing, and medication management that is not allowed and defined by the physician in the written protocol.
- * And finally, there is no attempt in these rules for pharmacists to do the job of the physician. The section on "Unauthorized Practice" states *A collaborative pharmacist shall not practice beyond the scope of the collaborative medication therapy agreement, the written protocol, and the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. Unauthorized practice by a collaborating pharmacist will be subject to violations and penalties as defined in the Oklahoma law governing the practice of pharmacy, the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act, and the rules of the Board of Pharmacy.*