

Rule 34. Security Features for Prescriptions

856 IAC 1-34-1 Applicability

Authority: IC 35-48-7-8
Affected: IC 16-42-19-5

Sec. 1. This rule establishes minimum standards for security features for prescriptions issued by practitioners as described in IC 16-42-19-5. Practitioners licensed in Indiana must comply with this rule in order for their prescriptions to be accepted for filling in licensed Indiana pharmacies. (*Indiana Board of Pharmacy; 856 IAC 1-34-1; filed Jul 5, 1995, 9:45 a.m.: 18 IR 2782, eff Jan 1, 1996; readopted filed Nov 13, 2001, 3:55 p.m.: 25 IR 1330*)

856 IAC 1-34-2 Security feature requirements

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Affected: IC 16-42-19-5

Sec. 2. (a) All controlled substance prescriptions written by licensed Indiana practitioners, as defined by IC 16-42-19-5, must contain the following security features:

- (1) A latent, repetitive "void" pattern screened at five percent (5%) in reflex blue must appear across the entire face of the document when the prescription is photocopied.
- (2) There shall be a custom artificial watermark printed on the back side of the base paper so that it may only be seen at a forty-five (45) degree angle. The watermark shall consist of the words "Indiana Security Prescription", appearing horizontally in a step-and-repeated format in five (5) lines on the back of the document using 12-point Helvetica bold type style.
- (3) An opaque RX symbol must appear in the upper right-hand corner, one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) of an inch from the top of the pad and five-sixteenths ($\frac{5}{16}$) of an inch from the right side of the pad. The symbol must be three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) inch in size and must disappear if the prescription copy is lightened.
- (4) Six (6) quantity check-off boxes must be printed on the form and the following quantities must appear and the appropriate box be checked off for the prescription to be valid:
 - (A) 1–24
 - (B) 25–49
 - (C) 50–74
 - (D) 75–100
 - (E) 101–150
 - (F) 151 and over.
- (5) No advertisements may appear on the front or back of the prescription blank.
- (6) Logos, defined as a symbol utilized by an individual, professional practice, professional association, or hospital, may appear on the prescription blank. The upper left one (1) inch square of the prescription blank is reserved for the purpose of logos. Only logos, as defined by this subdivision, may appear on the prescription blank.
- (7) Only one (1) prescription may be written per prescription blank. The following statement must be printed on the bottom of the pad: "Prescription is void if more than one (1) prescription is written per blank."
- (8) Refill options that can be circled by the prescriber must appear below any logos and above the signature lines on the left side of the prescription blank in the following order:
Refill NR 1 2 3 4 5 Void after _____.
- (9) Practitioner name and state issued professional license number must be preprinted, stamped, or manually printed on the prescription.
- (10) All prescription blanks printed under this rule shall be four and one-fourth ($4\frac{1}{4}$) inches high and five and one-half ($5\frac{1}{2}$) inches wide.

(b) Nothing in this rule shall prevent licensed Indiana practitioners from utilizing security paper prescriptions for the prescribing of any legend drug. (*Indiana Board of Pharmacy; 856 IAC 1-34-2; filed Jul 5, 1995, 9:45 a.m.: 18 IR 2782, eff Jan 1, 1996; readopted filed Dec 2, 2001, 12:35 p.m.: 25 IR 1340*)

856 IAC 1-34-3 Preprinted controlled substance prohibition

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Affected: IC 35-48-2; IC 35-48-7

Sec. 3. The name of any controlled substance, as defined by IC 35-48-2, may not be preprinted on any prescription forms at any time before the prescription is being prepared and executed for presentation to the patient or the patient's agent. That includes, but is not limited to, such activities as typing prescriptions in anticipation of their need, and using a rubber stamp or other similar means which would accomplish the same end. Commercially printed forms containing names of controlled substances are also prohibited. (*Indiana Board of Pharmacy; 856 IAC 1-34-3; filed Jul 5, 1995, 9:45 a.m.: 18 IR 2783, eff Jan 1, 1996; readopted filed Nov 13, 2001, 3:55 p.m.: 25 IR 1330*)

856 IAC 1-34-4 Exemption

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Sec. 4. Prescriptions utilized by pharmacists to record call-in prescriptions, transferred prescriptions, or facsimile prescriptions do not need to comply with this rule. (*Indiana Board of Pharmacy; 856 IAC 1-34-4; filed Jul 5, 1995, 9:45 a.m.: 18 IR 2783, eff Jan 1, 1996; readopted filed Nov 13, 2001, 3:55 p.m.: 25 IR 1330*)

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Sec. 5. Printers wishing to supply prescription blanks to authorized recipients must obtain a template design from the board to use as a layout guide. Printers must also submit a preprint proof to the board for approval prior to any production of prescription blanks governed by this rule. (*Indiana Board of Pharmacy; 856 IAC 1-34-5; filed Jul 5, 1995, 9:45 a.m.: 18 IR 2783, eff Jan 1, 1996; readopted filed Nov 13, 2001, 3:55 p.m.: 25 IR 1330*)