24.174.711 RATIO OF PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND INTERNS TO SUPERVISING PHARMACISTS

(1) The ratio of pharmacy technicians to pharmacist(s) on duty is to be determined by the pharmacist-in-charge. A pharmacist intern does not count against the pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio.

(2) The pharmacist-in-charge will ensure that the number of pharmacy technicians on duty can be satisfactorily supervised by the pharmacist(s) on duty to ensure patient safety and a safe work environment, provided:

(a) in the professional judgment of the pharmacist on duty, the ratio and supervision of pharmacy technicians is adequate and manageable based on the technician's scope of practice, training, education, skill and experience, the policy and procedures of the pharmacy must allow for safe and accurate filling and labeling of prescriptions, and the ratio must be assessed with regard to the pharmacy's quality assurance program , pursuant to ARM 24.174.407;

(b) the pharmacy's policies and procedures shall be reviewed annually. All affected supervising pharmacists and pharmacy technicians must be familiar with the contents and the policies and procedures must be available for inspection by the board.

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