



ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2025-307
May 16, 2025

STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO
THE DISPENSING OF PHARMACEUTICALS

Beginning on May 16, 2025, and continuing, a severe weather system generating heavy rain, intense damaging and straight-line winds, hail and tornadoes impacted the Commonwealth of Kentucky, creating dangerous conditions including flooding, flash flooding, potential for mudslides and landslides, and causing damage to public infrastructure, utility distribution systems, and private properties.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and by Chapter 39A of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, declared by Executive Order 2025-305 on May 16, 2025, that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

These dangerous conditions are preventing some Kentuckians from accessing medication, endangering public health and safety. State and local governments share responsibility for protection of public health, safety, and security and for taking appropriate actions to ensure the provision of essential public services.

Under such circumstances, I am empowered by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and KRS Chapter 315 to implement certain provisions of the law aimed toward further protecting the health and welfare of Kentucky Citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Andy Beshear, by virtue of authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution of Kentucky and by KRS Chapter 315, do hereby implement the provisions of KRS 315.500, *et seq.*, as to the emergency authority for pharmacists, and do hereby Order and Direct that, in accordance with provisions of KRS 315.500 and 201 KAR 2:330:



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1. Pharmacists located in any county in the Commonwealth of Kentucky may dispense emergency refills of up to a thirty (30) day supply of any non-controlled medication for residents of any county of the Commonwealth.
2. Pharmacists in counties affected by the emergency may operate temporarily a pharmacy in an area not designated on the pharmacy permit.
3. The provisions of this Order shall expire on June 17, 2025, but shall be subject to renewal thereafter, subject to applicable law, if necessary to protect the lives, property, or welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

This Order shall be effective May 17, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Beshear".

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS
Secretary of State