

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Secretary of State Frankfort Kentucky 2022-463 July 29, 2022

## STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO THE DISPENSING OF PHARMACEUTICALS

Beginning on July 26, 2022, and continuing, a severe weather system generating multiple rounds of heavy torrential rain, and creating flooding, flash flooding, mudslides, and landslides, is impacting the Commonwealth of Kentucky, creating dangerous conditions and damage to public infrastructure, utility distribution, and private properties.

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.

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 2022-457 on July 28, 2022, that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Under such circumstances, I am further 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:

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.



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- 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 August 29, 2022, 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 July 29, 2022.

ANDY BESTIEAR, Governor Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS Secretary of State