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**Ontario College of Pharmacists Proposed Amendments
to the Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act
to enable Remote Dispensing**

1. The definition of “pharmacy” in subsection 1(1) of the *Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act* (“DPRA”) should be repealed and the following substituted:

“pharmacy” means a premises in or in part of which **drugs** are compounded **or** dispensed for the public or drugs are sold by retail, and includes a remote dispensing location.
2. A new subsection 1(1) should be added to the DPRA as follows:

“remote dispensing location” means that part of a pharmacy holding a certificate of accreditation which has been authorized by that certificate to operate a remote dispensing location;
3. Subsection 146(1) of the DPRA should be amended by striking out “No person” at the beginning and substituting “Subject to subsection (1.0.1), no person”.
4. A new subsection (1.0.1) should be added to section 146 of the DPRA as follows:

“(1.0.1) the requirement under clause (1)(a) that a pharmacist be physically present in a pharmacy does not apply with respect to a remote dispensing location so long as the remote dispensing location is operated in accordance with the regulations.”
5. Subsection 149(1) of the DPRA should be amended to strike out “Subject to subsection (2)” and to substitute “Subject to subsections (2) and (3)”.
6. A new subsection (3) should be added to section 149 of the DPRA as follows:

“(3) The requirement in clause (1)(d) that a pharmacist be physically present to supervise does not apply with respect to a remote dispensing location as long as the remote dispensing location is operated in accordance with the regulations.”
7. New regulation making authority should be added to subsection 161(1) of the DPRA as follows:

“(m.1) Prescribing standards for accreditation for pharmacies wishing to have a remote dispensing location including their operation and the maintenance, space, equipment and facilities required therefore;

(m.2) Governing remote dispensing including establishing requirements for the operation of remote dispensing locations;”