

PHARMACIST COUNSELING

At the 6/3/10 open meeting of the Board, the Board interpreted Section 54-1749, Idaho Code. Clearly, a pharmacist's offer to counsel is required when filling a prescription. While the Board expects pharmacists, ***not technicians***, to make the offer to counsel, the expectation is limited to new medications, not refilled medications and not necessarily all new prescriptions (*in the case of a new prescription for an existing medication*).

A pharmacist cannot determine whether the offer to counsel on new medications is appropriate; it is required.