

SUMMARY OF RULE CHANGES
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Definitions added:

Accepted livestock management practices – Services which may be performed by persons who are not licensed as veterinarians. Such services are limited to:

- (a) In livestock of the equine species, the administration of any prescription drug, medicine, or biologic or the intra-uterine administration of medication when any of these procedures are performed under the indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian in the context of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship. The administration of any over the counter drug, medicine or biologic, or the use of any manual or mechanical procedure for artificial insemination may be provided without veterinarian supervision.
- (b) In livestock other than the equine species, the administration of any over-the-counter drug, medicine, or biologic; the use of any manual or mechanical procedure for artificial insemination, the implantation of frozen embryos; deworming; the implanting of commercially available growth promotants; clipping of needle teeth; and the feeding of commercially available medicated feed. Prescription drugs, medicine or biologics may be administered under the indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian in the context of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

Client - The patient's owner, owner's agent, or other person responsible for the patient.

Indirect supervision - Services provided pursuant to written or oral instructions issued by a licensed veterinarian for the treatment of an animal or herd after the animal or herd has been examined by the veterinarian such that a valid doctor-client patient relationship exists. The licensed veterinarian is not required to be on the premises for services that may be provided under indirect supervision, but must comply with the recordkeeping requirements of Rule 1730-1-.22.

Patient - An animal that is examined or treated by a veterinarian.

Veterinarian-client-patient relationship:

- (a) A licensed veterinarian has assumed responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the animal(s) and the need for medical treatment, and the client has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian; and
- (b) There is sufficient knowledge of the animal(s) by the veterinarian to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition

of the animal(s). This means that the veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal(s) by virtue of an examination of the animal(s), and/or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal(s) is (are) kept; and

- (c) The veterinarian is routinely and physically available for follow-up in case of adverse reactions or failure of the treatment or regimen or therapy, or has arranged for substitute follow-up care.

New Paragraph added to “Necessity of Licensure”(1730-1-.03):

- (2) The scope of practice of veterinary medicine as provided in Rule 1730-1-.02, and the definition of accepted livestock management practices as provided in Rule 1730-1-.01 shall not prevent any person or such person's full time employee from administering to the ills and injuries of the person's own animals unless employment is provided for the purpose or with the effect of circumventing T.C.A. §§ 63-12-101, et seq., or any rule lawfully promulgated by the Board.

Amends Language in “Unprofessional Conduct”(1730-1-.13):

- (7) Failure to cooperate with authorities investigating incompetent, unethical or illegal practices of another *individual*.

New Paragraph added to “Recordkeeping”(1730-1-.22):

Veterinarians providing written or oral instructions for persons who are not licensed as veterinarians to perform accepted livestock management practices must record the order, including specific information on the substance of the order and the date given, in the records of the animal.

New Paragraph added to “Disciplinary Actions, Civil Penalties, Assessment of Costs, and Screening Panels” (1730-1-.15; 1730-2-.15; 1730-3-.15; 1730-4-.12; 1730-5-.12):

Reconsiderations and Stays - The Board authorizes the member who chaired the Board for a contested case to be the agency member to make the decisions authorized* pursuant to Rule 1360-4-1-.18 regarding petitions for reconsiderations and stays in that case.

*Authority is removed from a Board Consultant (1730-1-.19) to make determinations on petition for stays.

Pursuant to the rulemaking hearing conducted on April 17, 2006, the above rules were filed in the Department of State on July 18, 2007 and will become effective on October 1, 2007. To view the complete rulemaking hearing document, please [click here](#).