Topic: Designated and qualified pharmacy personnel under the supervision of a pharmacist can manufacture patient-specific medications

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<u>Designated and qualified pharmacy personnel manufacture patient-specific medications</u> Whereas, Hospital pharmacists have moved into clinical patient-care roles requiring more freedom from distribution, dispensing and manual tasks, and,

Whereas, Pharmacy technicians are being increasingly used to perform such work, and,

Whereas, There are large numbers of technicians working in hospitals in New York State over the past couple of decades; many in long-term employment, and,

Whereas, Pharmacy technicians give valuable support which enables pharmacists to use their cognitive services for better patient care, and,

Whereas, While not requiring knowledge framework of a pharmacist, the duties performed by technicians are often crucial; involving precision, trust, risk and excellence, and, oversight and regulation would be helpful for patient safety and quality of care, and,

Whereas, More technician participation and recognition should increase progress, accountability, efficiency, and job satisfaction in pharmacy practice, and,

Whereas, Pharmacy technicians at most institutions are already trained to manufacture batches of medications, and,

Whereas, Legislation regarding requirements for technician certification by the New York State Board of Pharmacy are actively in committee, therefore, be it

Resolved That:

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The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports that designated and qualified pharmacy personnel, under the supervision of a registered pharmacist, are able to manufacture patient-specific medications in New York State once legislation for pharmacy technician certification has passed.

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