

**State of California
Office of Administrative Law**

In re:
Veterinary Medical Board

Regulatory Action:

Title 16, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections:

Amend sections: 2032.15, 2032.25

Repeal sections:

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY
ACTION**

Government Code Section 11349.3

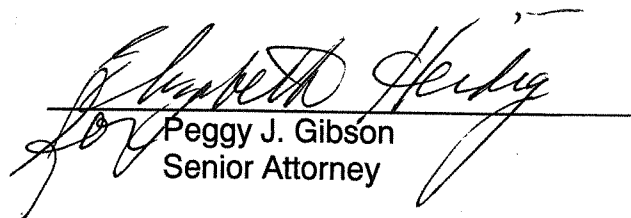
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The Veterinary Medical Board is amending veterinarian client-patient relationships (VCPRs) to establish that when the original veterinarian is absent, the VCPR may continue to exist in the absence of client communication when the designated veterinarian serves at the same location where the medical records are kept. This action also establishes that without a VCPR, prescribing, dispensing, or furnishing dangerous drugs constitutes unprofessional conduct. These amendments allow a veterinarian during an emergency in the absence of the treating veterinarian to prescribe, dispense, or furnish drugs to maintain the health of the animal until they can return to the originally treating veterinarian and to authorize the veterinarian to prescribe, dispense, or furnish a drug to an animal patient when the original prescribing veterinarian is unavailable. In order to authorize a refill the veterinarian must satisfy several requirements including working in the same practice as the original prescribing veterinarian and in possession of and has reviewed the animal patient's records.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on 4/1/2021.

Date: February 11, 2021


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