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CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
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OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, and filed with the agency secretary on Wednesday, November 18, 2026.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Pharmacy

INTENDED ACTION: New

RULE NO.: 680-X-1-.05
(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **N/A**

RULE TITLE: Electronic Signatures

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

Adopted without changes. No comments received

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XLIV, ISSUE NO. 12, AAM, DATED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.

STATUTORY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 8-1A-18

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

680-X-1-.05 Electronic Signatures.

(1) Legal Basis: The Alabama Uniform Electronic Transactions Act ("UETA"), Ala. Code § 8-1A-1 et seq., enacted in 2002, is intended to facilitate the use of electronic documents in business, commercial, and governmental transactions. The Act promotes, but does not require, the use of electronic signatures and creation of electronic documents. Section 8-1A-18(a) provides that "each government agency of this state with rule-making authority . . . may determine by rule whether, and the extent to which, it will send and accept electronic records and electronic signatures to and from other persons and otherwise create generate, communicate, store, process, use, and rely upon electronic records and electronic signatures." Section 8-1A-12(a) provides that an electronic record meets other state law requirements for record retention if the electronic record both accurately reflects the original document and is accessible for later reference. Section 8-1A-13 provides that an electronic record may not be excluded from evidence in court solely because it is in electronic form.

(2) Use of Electronic Signatures and Electronic Records: In accordance with Ala. Code § 8-1A-18(a), the Alabama Board of Pharmacy hereby establishes that to the fullest extent permitted by the Act, and except as otherwise provided in this Rule, the Board will send and accept electronic records and electronic signatures to and from other persons and otherwise create, generate, communicate, store, process, use, and rely upon electronic records and electronic signatures. In accordance with Section 8-1A-18(b), the system(s) selected and used for collection and validation of electronic signatures will, at a minimum:

(a) Provide an identical copy of the original signed and executed document to the signer.

(b) Ensure non-repudiation (i.e., that the signer cannot deny the fact that he or she electronically signed the document).

(c) Capture information about the process used to capture signatures (i.e., create an audit trail) including but not limited to Internet Protocol addresses; date and time stamps of all events; all web pages, documents, disclosures, and other information presented; and what each party acknowledged, agreed to, and signed.

(d) Encrypt, end-to-end, all communication within the signature process. Encryption technologies shall comply with state encryption standards, including the requirements that

cryptographic modules be validated to the current Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS).

(3) Selection of Digital Signature Platform(s). The Executive Secretary is authorized, subject to applicable procurement laws, to select and contract with an appropriate provider(s) for collection and validation of electronic signatures that meet the requirements of subparagraphs (2)(a)-(d) of this Rule.

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