## 218A.170 Sale, distribution, administration, or prescription of controlled substances by licensed manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, pharmacists, or practitioners.

- (1) A duly licensed manufacturer, distributor, or wholesaler may sell or distribute controlled substances, other than samples, to any of the following persons:
  - (a) To a manufacturer, wholesaler, or pharmacy;
  - (b) To a practitioner;
  - (c) To the administrator in charge of a hospital, but only for use by or in that hospital;
  - (d) To a person in charge of a laboratory, but only for use in that laboratory for scientific and medical research purposes;
  - (e) To a person registered pursuant to the federal controlled substances laws.
- (2) A pharmacist may sell or distribute a controlled substance:
  - (a) Pursuant to a prescription that conforms to the requirements of this chapter; or
  - (b) To a person registered pursuant to the federal controlled substances laws.
- (3) A practitioner may:
  - (a) Administer, dispense, or prescribe a controlled substance only for a legitimate medical purpose and in the course of professional practice; or
  - (b) Distribute a controlled substance to a person registered pursuant to the federal controlled substance laws.
- (4) All sales and distributions shall be in accordance with KRS 218A.200 and the federal controlled substances laws, including the requirements governing the use of order forms.
- (5) Possession of or control of controlled substances obtained as authorized by this section shall be lawful if in the regular course of business, occupation, profession, employment, or duty of the possessor.

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