

S.C. Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Information for Practitioners

As a reminder, you are required to comply with the Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics of the AVMA, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 40-69-110(A)(11) and SC Code Ann. Regs. 120-8(A). The full wording of the Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics of the AVMA is posted on the Board website at <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Veterinary/index.asp?file=laws.htm>. The Board recently asked LLR to provide a reminder to practitioners about the following provision relating to prescriptions.

Principles Change: Amended April 2016

Section VII(f)(iii) was amended:

- VII. In keeping with applicable law, a veterinarian shall, in the provision of appropriate patient care, except in emergencies, be free to choose whom to serve, with whom to associate, and the environment in which to provide veterinary medical care.
- f. Veterinarians (to include those attending, consulting, receiving and referring) are entitled to charge fees for their professional services.
 - iii. A veterinarian shall honor a client's request for a prescription or veterinary feed directive in lieu of dispensing, but may charge a fee for this service.

Additional information from the AVMA on this issue in other states as well as South Carolina may be found at: <https://www.avma.org/Advocacy/StateAndLocal/Pages/veterinary-prescription-orders.aspx>.

Please visit the Board's webpage at <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Veterinary/> for additional information relating to the practice of veterinary medicine.