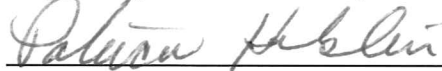


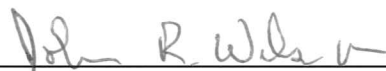
**WV BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
AMBULATORY INSPECTION POLICY REVISED – APRIL 11, 2019**

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§26-4.2.2. "Ambulatory practice" means a professional visit to the location of a patient or client and includes house calls and farm calls.

An ambulatory vehicle associated with a WV inspected stationary facility does not need to be registered or inspected.

§26-4-8. Facility Inspections and Registration

8.1. A new veterinary facility shall be inspected by the Board prior to opening. The Board, shall grant an authorization to begin operation while the facility awaits its initial inspection if this inspection is delayed for reasons not associated with the practice or its operators.

8.2. A registered veterinary facility shall be inspected by the Board on a rotating basis every 2 years, except when the Board requires a re-inspection due to the facility not meeting all requirements for that type of facility at the routine inspection. Additionally, the Board may inspect a facility at any time for just cause. Only after the Board determines that the facility meets the respective provisions for operation under this rule may it lawfully operate.

Types of Ambulatory Facilities – These facilities are required to submit a facility registration, schedule an inspection, and pay the registration and inspection fees

- Ambulatory vehicle is the only type of facility and it not an extension of a WV stationary veterinary facility.

Initial Inspection - An inspection can be waived if a facility receives their initial inspection within 6 months of the designated quarter and year required 2-year inspection. After 6 months, the facility must have the designated quarter and year required year inspection.

- New facility
 - An initial inspection to be scheduled before the facility opens.
- Current established facilities that register prior to July 1, 2018
 - The facility will be inspected when it appears on the schedule.

Location

- Inspection will be done at the home base where the records and medicines are stored.
- Out of state facilities
 - Provide at least 5 patient records.
 - The Inspector will coordinate with the facility where to meet for the inspection.
 - All ambulatory vehicles must be present at the time of inspection or there will be an additional inspection fee. There will not be an additional fee for multiple vehicles if all are present at the time of the inspection.
- If it is more convenient for the ambulatory practices with multiple vehicles to meet across state lines, the Inspector can inspect up to 50 miles from WV state line.