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# Board Policy Guidelines: Standards of Practice for Large Animal Practitioners

**Policy Guideline**

**From: Board of Registration of Veterinary Medicine**

**Re: Board Policy Guidelines: Standards of Practice for Large Animal Practitioners**

**Date: April 14, 2011**

The Board of Registration of Veterinary Medicine ("the Board") voted today to adopt the following Policy Guideline. This policy guideline is intended as a recommended protocol for the Board to follow. The guideline set forth below does not have the full force and effect of law, as would a Massachusetts General Law or a Board rule or regulation. However, the Board uses policy guidelines as an internal management tool in formulating decisions that relate to issues in the practice of veterinary medicine.

**Policy No. 11-01**

**Introduction:**

The Board Statutes and Regulations set forth the standards of practice for all licensed veterinarians in the Commonwealth. Specifically, 256 CMR 5.00 Practice, set the standard for:

1. Medical Records

2. Drugs and Medication

3. Advertising

4. Hospital Safety

5. Requirements for Full Service Veterinary Facility

6. Requirements for Emergency Service Veterinary Facility

All licensed Veterinarians, regardless of whether they are large or small animal practitioners are held to the standards set forth in this section, and all of 256 CMR.

More specifically, the Board would like to advise all large animal practitioners that standards regarding prescription writing, medication dispensing, medication labeling, as well as the contents of medical records, remain the same for ALL Licensed Veterinarians.

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