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# ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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*newsletter to promote pharmacy and drug law compliance*

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## **Update Your Profile**

In an effort to communicate more effectively with its licensees and permittees, the Board noticed that contact information in its system is not always current and up to date. You are required to update your personal contact information and pharmacy employer within 10 days after a change pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §32-1926. Please use your online profile to update your contact information.

## **COVID-19 FAQs**

As we continue to move forward with the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in our lives, a lot of questions continue to come up. The Board has posted an FAQs document and will continue to update it as more information is received. Please save the links below for your reference.

- **COVID-19 FAQs:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cOdkMhzy3tYsIMUwMJk00PwbpXDzHHFP/view>
- **COVID Resources:** <https://pharmacy.az.gov/node/24>

## **CSPMP Updates**

### ***Integration***

In March 2021, a communication campaign was launched by Arizona's Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program (CSPMP) vendor, Apriss Health, to generate further integration activity within the state. This campaign was successful in driving an additional 132 health care entities in Arizona to sign up for CSPMP integration. In the last 18 months, Arizona has seen a 31% increase in queries via electronic health record integration and will continue working toward its goal of having nearly every health care entity in the state integrated with the CSPMP.

### ***Vendor Enhancement***

The Arizona CSPMP has recently purchased a vendor enhancement that will allow the Board to look at prescribers with high prescription counts and poor utilization at the same time in a very efficient manner.

### ***Collaboration With Maricopa County***

The CSPMP actively collaborates with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health by sharing data. The collaborative Non-Fatal Overdose Project links Maricopa County's non-fatal overdose monthly list to the CSPMP data.

### ***Interstate Data***

Arizona currently shares data with 41 states, as well as Puerto Rico and the Military Health System.

### ***Public Dashboard***

The Arizona CSPMP public dashboard highlights opioid trends over time and is tailored to be navigated easily by filtering the county and year. The CSPMP also added opioid and benzodiazepine overlap to the [dashboard](#) to illustrate dangerous drug combination dispensing trends.

## ***Bills Signed by the Governor***

Below are bills that were signed by Governor Doug Ducey. The following link will enable you to see each bill in detail: <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview>.

- **House Bill (HB) 2621 – Prior Authorization; Uniform Request Forms:** Effective date January 1, 2023: Allows for uniform prior authorization application process not to exceed two pages.
- **HB 2787 – Occupational Regulation; Good Character; Definition:** This bill defines moral turpitude. Allows an individual to petition the Board to evaluate their documents prior to submitting an application if they qualify for licensure.”
- **Senate Bill (SB) 1087 – Pharmacy Board; Regulation:** This bill allows for a remote hospital pharmacy, defines durable medical equipment (DME), and allows for a DME distributor

permit to be issued. Clarifies third-party logistics provider. Allows the Board to issue nondisciplinary civil penalty. Eliminates the requirement of a wall certificate for technician trainees.

- **SB 1088 – Controlled Substances; Schedule Designations:** This bill references the Code of Federal Regulations for controlled substances in each scheduled category.
- **SB 1091 – Controlled Substances Monitoring Program; Delegates:** This bill allows access to the CSPMP by a contractor or a health care insurer.
- **SB 1170 – Board of Pharmacy; Rulemaking Authority:** Allows for a pharmacist to practice outside of the conventional pharmacy. Removes the requirement for the Board to promulgate rules pertaining to oral fluoride varnish and tobacco cessation drug therapies.
- **SB 1219 – Donated Medicine; Requirements:** This bill repeals the existing donated medicine language and replaces it with new language that has been successful in other jurisdictions.
- **SB 1356 – Pharmacy Benefit Managers; Prohibited Fees:** Prohibits pharmacy benefit manager against claim adjudication processing fee.
- **SB 1357 – Pharmacy Board; Nonprescription Drugs; Diversion:** This bill sets a statutory limitation for the Board to investigate criminal charges beyond four years for licensees and permittees; there are exceptions. This bill also limits the length of time that disciplinary actions against a licensee or certificate holder can remain available on the health profession regulatory Board’s website to not more than five years.
- **SB 1416 – Health Professionals; Off-Label Use; Medications:** The bill allows a prescriber to prescribe medications for off-label use during a public health emergency.
- **SB 1604 – Remote Dispensing Pharmacies; Rural Hospitals:** Allows a hospital to operate a pharmacy with remote supervision by a pharmacist in a county with fewer than 500,000 persons.

## **Renewals for Licenses Coming Soon**

Renewals will begin the first week of September. This is a reminder to have your continuing education (CE) completed prior to renewing your license. The requirement for CE is as follows:

### **Pharmacists**

- Thirty total CE hours are required for renewal.
- Three of the 30 CE hours must be opioid related, substance use related, or addiction related.
- **Immunizers:** two of the 30 CE hours must be immunization related.

- **Tobacco cessation drug therapies:** complete two hours of Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education-accredited continuing pharmacy education related to tobacco cessation.

### **Pharmacy Technicians**

- Twenty total CE hours are required for renewal.
- Three of the 20 CE hours must be opioid related, substance use related, or addiction related.

### **Requirements for Permit Renewal Coming Soon**

Beginning this renewal cycle, the following will be required when renewing your permit.

- Federal Employer Identification Number
- Drug Enforcement Administration registration for pharmacies (if applicable)
- Full-service wholesaler-designated representative will need a fingerprint clearance card. For details on how to apply for a fingerprint clearance card, visit <https://www.azdps.gov/services/public/fingerprint>.

### **Disciplinary Actions and Updates – Health Boards**

Disciplinary actions for the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy, Arizona Medical Board, Arizona Naturopathic Physicians Medical Board, Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners, and Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants can be found at <https://pharmacy.az.gov/resources/disciplinary-actions/quarterly-updates>.

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