



# KENTUCKY BOARD OF PHARMACY

*newsletter to promote pharmacy and drug law compliance*

## **Continuing Education Highlights**

1. Kentucky requires 15 credit hours **every calendar year**.
2. Because of the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, pharmacists who self-reported continuing education (CE) violations on the 2021 pharmacist's renewal will not be assessed disciplinary actions as long as 3 CE units (30 CE hours) are obtained between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021.
3. The Kentucky Board of Pharmacy audits **every** CPE Monitor® account **every year**.
4. Check your CPE Monitor account today to ensure that you have 15 CE hours. Please do not procrastinate if you do not have your 15 CE hours yet.
5. Extension waivers are very rare. Please do not count on a waiver.

## **PPE in Kentucky Pharmacies**

The Board met on July 27, 2021, and considered if pharmacies are health care settings per Governor Andy Beshear's Executive Order 2021-386 and, therefore, subject to specific masking and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements. As most retail pharmacies include a retail area and a clinic area, the Board limits the health care setting to the clinical area of the pharmacy.

The Board requested clarification from the governor's office and the [Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services](#) on application of the executive order to pharmacies. Pharmacies should follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for health care settings. Current CDC guidelines require that all unvaccinated pharmacists, interns, and technicians wear a face mask at all times while they are within the clinical section of the pharmacy. Vaccinated pharmacists, interns, and technicians are required to wear a mask when providing direct patient care without a barrier between the patient and the pharmacy staff member. Barriers would include the glass that is present at a drive-through window and plexiglass barriers that are situated at some registers and consultation areas. Direct patient care includes any situation in which a pharmacist, intern, or technician is within six feet of a patient. If a patient is being touched or

examined by a pharmacist, intern, or technician, the pharmacy employee shall also wear gloves. Direct patient care also includes home delivery at the point in which the medication is presented to the patient.

### ***KASPER Tips: KASPER Record Correction***

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This Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER) tip provides guidance to prescribers and dispensers who report administered or dispensed controlled substance (CS) data to the KASPER Data Collection System on how to correct records that have been submitted in error or that contain errors. Please remember that upon notification of information that was reported to KASPER and confirmation that the data contained errors, you have seven days to correct the data as specified in 902 Kentucky Administrative Regulations 55:110 Section 8.

KASPER record correction depends upon the method used to upload the CS prescription data.

**Scenario 1 – If you manually enter your prescription data using the Prescription Data Entry Form (PDEF):** You can log in to your KASPER uploader [account](#) and use the PDEF to make the record correction. If you need assistance using the PDEF, contact the eKASPER help desk at 502/564-2703.

**Scenario 2 – If your software vendor or another third party uploads prescription data to KASPER on your behalf:** If your software vendor or other third party uploads your data, you may not have a KASPER uploader account. Even though you use a third party to upload your data, you can still register with KASPER and get an upload account that will allow you to use the PDEF to correct records in error. You will continue to upload your daily files through your vendor, but the KASPER uploader account will enable you to log in to the KASPER Data Collection System and take advantage of the PDEF to make a small number of changes that might otherwise be difficult to coordinate through your software vendor. If you need assistance using the PDEF, contact the eKASPER help desk at 502/564-2703. You may also wish to contact your software vendor to determine if its software provides a feature for submitting corrections. **Note:** If making revisions using PDEF, do not forget to update in your software system to reflect changes at your pharmacy.

**Scenario 3 – If your pharmacy is part of a chain that uploads your prescription data at the corporate level:** If the prescription data for your pharmacy is uploaded at a corporate level, the corporate office will need to make the corrections. You will need to contact your corporate office and follow its prescription drug monitoring program data correction procedure.

The complete [KASPER Tips: KASPER Record Correction](#) guidance with frequently asked questions can be found on the Board's Frequently Asked Questions [web page](#).

## **Official Method of Notification**

The *Kentucky Board of Pharmacy Newsletter* is considered an official method of notification to pharmacists, pharmacist interns, pharmacies, wholesalers, and manufacturers credentialed by the Board. **These Newsletters will be used in administrative hearings as proof of notification.** Please read carefully. The Board encourages you to store them electronically in a folder or keep them in the back of the *Kentucky Pharmacy Law Book* for future reference.

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