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newsletter to promote pharmacy and drug law compliance

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22.61 Immunizations

An emergency law was passed on April 22, 2021, that allows pharmacists to administer immunizations without a patient-specific prescription, standing order, or similar arrangement.

Oklahoma-licensed and qualified pharmacy technicians are authorized by the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) to give certain vaccinations to specific age groups.

The PREP Act Declaration authorizes pharmacists to order and administer, and pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians to administer, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)-recommended childhood vaccinations, coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccinations, and seasonal influenza vaccinations, irrespective of state laws or regulations.

The qualified pharmacy technician . . . must complete a practical training program that is approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). This training program must include hands-on injection technique and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines. The qualified pharmacy technician . . . must have a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation [and they also] must complete a minimum of two hours of ACPE-approved, immunization-related continuing pharmacy education during the relevant State licensing period(s).

Technicians are allowed to administer Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-authorized or FDA-licensed COVID-19 vaccines and seasonal influenza vaccines to persons ages three or older. They are also allowed to administer ACIP-recommended childhood vaccinations to persons ages three through 18. These vaccines must be ordered and administered according to the ACIP standard immunization schedule. Further, during administration, the licensed pharmacist overseeing the service must be immediately available.

22.62 Pharmacy Technicians

When a technician applicant along with the pharmacy apply for a permit, the pharmacist who signs the application is attesting that the technician applicant has completed Phase I of the required training.

Once the permit has been processed **and** received by the applicant, the pharmacy technician must complete Phase II training within 90 days.

If the pharmacy technician is terminated or leaves employment before completing Phase II training, the pharmacy technician has not met all Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy requirements. The pharmacist-in-charge must notify the Board in writing that the technician has left and did not complete the Phase II training. At that time, the permit will be canceled. Finally, the permit must be returned to the Board.

If the pharmacy technician seeks employment again, they must reapply as a new pharmacy technician applicant. View Pharmacy Technician Training Guidelines – Phase I and II on the Board’s [website](#).

Per Title 59, Chapter 8, Section 353.18A(B.1): **“No person shall serve as a pharmacy technician without first procuring a permit from the Board.”** This means that even if the technician license is valid and current on the website, the technician may not perform technician duties until the actual license is in their current working location. Validation on the Board website does not qualify as having a valid license.

22.63 Pharmacy License Renewals

When you are renewing the license for the pharmacy, you must pay attention to the extra permits that are connected to the pharmacy license, such as drug supplier permit, training area permit, and sterile compounding permit.

When you pay for the renewal through the Board's [online store](#), you must include a payment for each permit that you are renewing.

For example, if you are renewing a pharmacy license that has a drug supplier permit and training area permit, then you would need to submit payment for the pharmacy, drug supplier permit, and training area permit when you are paying through the [online store](#).

You would select payment for three different items on your renewal.

- (Phcy Retail Renw \$150-pcy sends complete applicati)
- (Drug Supplier Renw \$20-pcy must 1st have one)
- (Training Area Renew \$10-if you have it-else New TA)

If you fail to renew one of the extra permits, then you run the risk of being out of compliance with the Board.

22.64 New Pharmacy Application Due to Change of Ownership, Change of Name, or Change of Location

Applications for a new pharmacy license are required for change of ownership, name, or location. Additional permits attached to pharmacy licensures, such as training areas, sterile compounding, drug supplier permits, and e-kits, are nontransferable to the new pharmacy license. Pharmacies must reapply for these permits when applying for a new license. It is imperative that pharmacies verify that the correct additional permit(s) are on the new pharmacy license prior to posting the license in the pharmacy.

22.65 2021 Version of the Law Book

The 2021 law book is posted on the Board website. This contains the most up-to-date information regarding the statutes and rules for the Board.

22.66 Disciplinary Actions

Malinda Williamson, Technician #13911 – Case No. 1624: Guilty on five counts, including theft of non-controlled dangerous substance (CDS). **Revoked.**

Jeffrey Yanchick, DPh #11290 – Case No. 1625: Respondent must attend an eight-hour law seminar in addition to the required 15 hours of continuing education (CE) during the years of

2022 and 2023. All CE for the years 2022 and 2023 must be live. Respondent shall conduct a random inventory verification of 10 CDS drugs at least monthly for the remainder of 2021 and the years 2022 and 2023, with a report being sent to the Board staff. Respondent admits guilt on all four counts, including failure to establish and maintain effective controls against the diversion of prescription drugs and/or controlled dangerous drugs. **Fined \$3,000.**

(Impaired DPh) Austen Patterson, DPh #14355 – Case No. 1626: Respondent's license is indefinitely suspended. Respondent may request the suspension be stayed after complying with the following: respondent must enter into a 10-year recovery monitoring agreement with Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists (OPHP) and respondent must remain compliant with all terms of her OPHP contract and notify all future employers that she has entered into a contract with OPHP. Respondent must provide evidence that she has been determined "fit for duty" by a Board-approved evaluator. All CE for the years 2022 and 2023 must be live. Respondent admits guilt on all four counts, including abuse of alcohol or drugs, use of an illegal CDS, or testing positive for such substances is a violation of registrant conduct.

Laila Sharkar, DPh #18082 – Case 1627: Respondent shall attend 15 hours of live CE to include a one-day (eight-hour) law seminar during the years of 2022 and 2023. Respondent admits to guilt on five counts, including failure to establish and maintain effective controls against the diversion of prescription drugs and/or CDS. **Fined \$2,500.**

J. Ryan Stevens, DPh #14813 – Case No. 1628: Respondent shall attend 15 hours of live CE to include a one-day (eight-hour) law seminar during the years of 2022 and 2023. Respondent admits to guilt on five counts, including failure to establish and maintain effective controls against the diversion of prescription drugs and/or CDS. **Fined \$3,000.**

Calendar Notes

- **Upcoming Holiday:** The Board office will be closed on January 17, 2022, for Martin Luther King, Jr Day.
- **Upcoming Board Meetings:** The Board is scheduled to meet on January 19, 2022, and March 30, 2022. All meetings begin at 8:30 AM.

Change of Address or Employment?

Please be diligent in keeping your information up to date and, if possible, remind your coworkers and employees. Failure to notify the Board is a violation of Oklahoma pharmacy law. All pharmacists, technicians, and interns must notify the Board in writing within 10 days of a change of address or employment. Online updates through the license renewal page are **not** accepted as official notification. Emailed notifications can be sent to pharmacy@pharmacy.ok.gov or faxed to 405/521-3758. License/permit numbers must be included to be accepted.

Special Notice About the Newsletter

The *Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy Newsletter* is an official method of notification to pharmacies, pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians registered by the Board. Please read them carefully. The Board encourages you to keep them for future reference.

OPHP

If you or a pharmacist you care about is suffering from chemical dependency, there is a solution. OPHP is readily available for help. Pharmacists in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana may call the OPHP help-line at 1-800/260-7574, ext 5773. All calls are confidential.

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