



# SC DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, & REGULATION

## BOARD OF PHARMACY

*newsletter to promote pharmacy and drug law compliance*

### **Upcoming Board Vacancy**

Do you live in the First Congressional District? Are you interested in serving on the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, & Regulation – Board of Pharmacy? Here is your opportunity! You must meet the following requirements:

- Reside in the First Congressional District
- Be licensed and actively practicing pharmacy in South Carolina
- Before December 1, 2022, submit to the Board office a biography and petition bearing signatures of at least 15 pharmacists practicing in your respective congressional district

The term will begin on July 1, 2023, and end on June 30, 2029. After receiving biographies and petitions, the Board administrator will:

- Prepare and mail ballots by January 15, 2023, to all pharmacists who have notified the Board that they reside in the First Congressional District
- Certify as true and valid all ballots postmarked before February 15, 2023, and received by the Board office before February 25, 2023

#### ***National Pharmacy Compliance News***

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Before March 1, 2023, the Board will certify in writing to the governor the names of the three candidates receiving the most votes in the election and the name of the person who the nominee will replace on the Board. The new member, when appointed by the governor, will take office on July 1 of that year. If you are interested in becoming a candidate for this position and have questions, please contact the Board office at 803/896-4700.

### **PREP Act**

As a reminder, the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) is still in effect, allowing for additional immunizations to be administered that are otherwise not currently allowed by the South Carolina Joint Pharmacist Administered Immunization Protocol.

Currently, the PREP Act allows the following immunizations to be administered by pharmacists, interns, and pharmacy technicians who are appropriately licensed and trained.

<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Authorization</b>
COVID-19	Authorized to provide Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-authorized or FDA-licensed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) COVID-19 vaccine recommendations to patients three years or older.
Influenza Vaccines	Authorized to provide ACIP-recommended seasonal influenza vaccines to adults 19 years or older, according to ACIP’s standard immunization schedule, and authorized to provide influenza vaccination to persons three to 18 years old according to ACIP’s standard childhood immunization schedule.
Childhood Immunizations	Authorized to provide vaccines to persons ages three to 18 years old, according to ACIP’s standard childhood immunization schedule.

<https://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/legal/prepact/Pages/PREP-Act-Guidance.aspx>

Anyone who is immunizing must have a current certificate in basic CPR and meet all immunization training requirements. In addition, do not forget to check your immunization emergency kit and ensure that all items are included and within date.

A pharmacist may only order immunizations that will be administered by a pharmacist, intern, or pharmacy technician. It is not within the scope of a pharmacist’s practice to order immunizations that will be administered by a nurse or any other individual.

### **The Board Welcomes New Staff Member**

The Board would like to welcome Erika Cooks to the staff. Erika will primarily be assisting pharmacists and interns in all aspects of licensure. The Board is happy to have Erika on the team.

## FAQs

In addition to the frequently asked questions (FAQs) available on the Board's [website](#), staff members often get calls regarding other topics. Below are a few examples:

### ***Can a physician write a prescription for an animal?***

No. Only a veterinarian has the scope of practice to write a prescription for an animal.

Per South Carolina Code of Regulations Chapter 120-3, License to Practice Veterinary Medicine, “[i]t shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine unless duly licensed under the applicable provisions of this chapter.”

### ***Can I administer immunizations to patients under 18 with a prescription?***

Administration by a pharmacist falls under the definition of practice of pharmacy. Therefore, the South Carolina Pharmacy Practice Act does allow a pharmacist to administer immunizations to individuals under the age of 18 with a prescription. As a reminder, there may be some additional allowances for certain immunizations based on the PREP Act, which is currently still in place.

Per South Carolina Code of Laws Annotated §40-43-30(71):

“Practice of pharmacy” means the interpretation, evaluation, and dispensing of prescription drug orders in the patient’s best interest; participation in drug and device selection, **drug administration**, prospective drug reviews, and drug or drug-related research; provision of patient counseling and the provision of those acts or services necessary to provide pharmacy care and drug therapy management; and responsibility for compounding and labeling of drugs and devices, (except labeling by a manufacturer, repackager, or distributor of nonprescription drugs and commercially packaged legend drugs and devices) proper and safe storage of drugs and devices and maintenance of proper records for them; or the offering or performing of those acts, services, operations, or transactions necessary in the conduct, operation, education, management, and control of pharmacy.

(emphasis added)

### ***Can a pharmacist administer Botox?***

Although the practice of pharmacy does include drug administration as discussed above, the administration of neuromodulators by pharmacists is not allowed. Only practitioners licensed to practice dentistry, medicine, or nursing in South Carolina may administer neuromodulators. For the full Joint Advisory Opinion, please click [here](#).

## ***The Board Is on Facebook***

Make sure to follow the [South Carolina Board of Pharmacy](#) for the latest news and updates.

## **Maintain Up-to-Date Information With the Board**

Please be diligent in keeping your information up to date and, if possible, remind your coworkers to do the same. State law requires all pharmacists, technicians, and interns to notify the Board in writing within 10 days of a change of address, employment, consultant, or pharmacist-in-charge status. Forms are available [here](#).

In addition, to ensure that you receive all communications, please make sure your email is up to date and that you have subscribed to the Board's quarterly *Newsletter*.

## **Special Notice About the Newsletter**

The Board's quarterly *Newsletter* is an official method of notification to pharmacies, pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians licensed or registered by the Board. Please read the newsletters carefully. The Board encourages you to keep the newsletters for future reference.

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