



# ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

*newsletter to promote pharmacy and drug law compliance*

## **CE Now Available for Board Meeting Attendance**

Attendees of Alabama State Board of Pharmacy meetings, in person or virtually, may now receive continuing education (CE) credit. Please see the process below for information on how to submit for credit.

- If attending the meeting virtually, your full name must be displayed on Webex, and you must sign in individually.
- You must attend the meeting in its entirety.
- To claim your credit, you will need to complete a SignUpGenius survey.
  - *The SignUpGenius link can be found on the Board's website under About Us → Board Meetings the morning of the meeting.*
- SignUpGenius passcode will be available during the executive session and the form will **close** at 11:59 PM the day of the Board meeting.
- Once the SignUpGenius form is completed, you will receive a confirmation email with details. Please retain this email for your CE records.
- Each meeting is worth one live hour.
  - Pharmacists can receive a maximum of three live hours per year for attending a Board meeting.
  - Technicians can receive a maximum of one live hour per year for attending a Board meeting.

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## Legislative Update

Effective July 1, 2023, Code of Alabama Section 34-23-30 was amended to make a technical change to the language to allow a person to provide pharmacy services remotely, outside the physical confines of the permitted facility. This change will allow for greater access to care for the patients of Alabama by expanding the practitioner workforce beyond the four walls of permitted facilities in a manner that ensures patient safety and confidentiality. The Board approved an emergency rule at its June Board meeting, to be effective July 1, 2023, to allow for remote work for pharmacists and to ensure patient safety and compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. In addition to the emergency rule approval, the Board approved moving forward with the emergency language to promulgate a permanent rule regarding remote work.

Effective August 1, 2023, pharmacists may dispense a one-time refill of up to a 72-hour supply or the smallest dispensable package size of a prescribed medication, and the pharmacist shall notify the prescriber within 24 hours of dispensing. Emergency refills remain prohibited on Schedule I or II drugs or controlled substances (CS) pursuant to Title 20, Chapter 2, or the CS list maintained by the State Board of Health. **The Board of Pharmacy and the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, through joint rules, have begun to adopt additional rules and regulations to implement this section.**

## Reminder: Technician Training Requirements

Effective January 1, 2020, all newly registered technicians are required to complete a Board-approved training program within six months of the registration as set out in Alabama Administrative Code 680-X-2-.14 The Role of Technicians in Pharmacies in Alabama. It is the responsibility of the technician, as well as the pharmacy/supervising pharmacist, to ensure that all training is completed within six months of the technicians' registration and documented with the Board within 10 days of the completion of training.

It is the responsibility of the supervising pharmacist to ensure that all technicians registered with the Board for longer than six months have completed and documented their training with the Board prior to working in the pharmacy.

Technicians who have completed Board-approved training, earned Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or certified pharmacy technician certifications, or registered prior to January 1, 2020, will be reflected as compliant with the training requirement on the technicians' profile on the Board's website.

To verify if a technician has completed the required training, please follow these steps:

- 1) visit [www.albop.com](http://www.albop.com);
- 2) click "Search for a License";
- 3) click "Individual Lookup";

- 4) fill in boxes for license number **or** last name, first name, **and** the verification code;
- 5) click “Search”; and
- 6) choose the technician that matches your inquiry and click the print icon. The document will reflect if training is complete (Training Completed: Yes or No).

Please verify that your profile is up to date and accurate.

Ensure that your training has been uploaded and your place of employment is correct.

**Any technician without documentation on their profile of completion of training or who is not nationally certified will not be eligible to renew their registration online. Current technician registrations expire December 31, 2023.**

## **Board Resources**

To view proposed changes to rules:

[www.albop.com](http://www.albop.com) > Resources > Statutes & Rules > **Proposed Amended Rules Submitted 2023**

Policy statements are posted to the website as approved by the Board:

[www.albop.com](http://www.albop.com) > Resources > **Policy Statements**

In compliance with the governor’s Executive Order 734, requests for public records will be available via the Board website:

[www.albop.com](http://www.albop.com) > Resources > Public Records Request > **Complete a Public Records Request Form Here**

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