



LOUISIANA BOARD OF PHARMACY

newsletter to promote pharmacy and drug law compliance

Upcoming Credential Renewals (24-04-766)

The renewal cycle for all certified pharmacy technician (CPT), automated medication system (AMS), and emergency drug kit (EDK) credentials is May 1 through June 30. Please check your email regularly during the last week of April for your renewal notice. Accounts that do not have an email address on file should expect to receive a paper renewal notice by mail the first week of May. Any address change received after April 21, 2024, may not be reflected in the renewal mailing.

Any CPT, AMS, and EDK credentials not renewed by midnight on June 30, 2024, will expire.

New Rules (24-04-767)

The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy completed the rulemaking process for **Regulatory Project 2023-02 – Temporary Closure of Pharmacy** with publication of the final rule in the January 20, 2024 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, with an immediate effective date.

The Board also completed the rulemaking process for **Regulatory Project 2023-10 – PMP** and **Regulatory Project 2023-11 – Pharmacists Application** with publication of the final rules in the March 20, 2024 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, with immediate effective dates.

The Board distributed email notices regarding the progress of these regulatory projects in addition to maintaining the information on the **“Regulatory Projects”** page of the Board’s website. Please refer to the **“Regulatory Projects”** page to view the status and details of all projects.

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Spotlight on Compliance (24-04-768)

The revised United States Pharmacopeia (USP) Chapters <795> Pharmaceutical Compounding – Nonsterile Preparations and <797> Pharmaceutical Compounding – Sterile Preparations, along with new Chapters <800> Hazardous Drugs – Handling in Healthcare Settings and <825> Radiopharmaceuticals are now official. While the Board has elected to delay enforcement of these current chapters until November 1, 2024, compounders should be preparing to meet the new standards if not already compliant. It is the responsibility of the compounder to understand and be compliant with all relevant state and federal laws and regulations.

Training on the new standards is available through USP Education, professional organizations such as the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the American Pharmacists Association, colleges of pharmacy, and private companies. In addition, the Food and Drug Administration Compounding Quality Center of Excellence provides on-demand training courses on compounding regulation. This is not an exhaustive list of training programs available. Compounders are encouraged to identify the training that best meets their needs.

Sterile Compounding SOPs (24-04-769)

Sterile compounders using certification companies for equipment and room certifications and for environmental monitoring should be cognizant that these certifiers require guidance regarding the facility's standard operating procedure (SOP) for personnel entering the compounding areas. Anyone, including certifiers, housekeeping, maintenance, or engineering personnel, who enters a facility's compounding areas should be required to gown and garb as stated in the facility's SOPs.

The facility's designated person must prepare for the certifier's visits and have appropriate garb available. Facilities may want to consider having "bunny suits" (an all-in-one style of coverall featuring an attached hood and boots) in various sizes available. Using these suits helps decrease the number of particles generated by the certifiers and reduces the chance of certifiers introducing microorganisms into the classified environment.

The designated person should also require the cleaning of any equipment before allowing it to be introduced into the classified rooms. SOPs should detail the cleaning process for anything being introduced into classified rooms and must be followed. The designated person may need to assist anyone unfamiliar with the SOPs for the cleaning process to ensure that it is done as required.

Maintaining the classified environment requires much effort, which should not be undermined by allowing individuals to access the areas without following SOPs. If the sterile compounding environment is compromised, it may adversely affect the safety of the patients receiving compounded sterile preparations prepared in the facility.

DSCSA Compliance (24-04-770)

Is your pharmacy in compliance with the Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA)? The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®) developed Pulse by NABP™, which is an inclusive, accessible, and secure digital platform that simplifies the process of achieving DSCSA compliance. If you need assistance in becoming compliant, the Board strongly encourages you to visit the [Pulse web page](#), join the mailing list, and take advantage of the online resources and on-demand webinars available for pharmacies provided by NABP.

Disciplinary and Other Licensure Actions (24-04-771)

During its February 21, 2024 meeting, the Board took action in the following matters:

Louisiana CVS Pharmacy, LLC, dba CVS Pharmacy No. 5607 (Alexandria, LA) (PHY.005768):

For allowing a pharmacy technician candidate with an expired credential to assist in the practice of pharmacy from March 4, 2022, to May 16, 2022, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Louisiana CVS Pharmacy, LLC, dba CVS Pharmacy No. 5607 (Alexandria) (PHY.005768): For its accountability for the dispensing of two prescriptions that contained the incorrect drug product, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

H&W Drug Store, Inc, dba H&W Drug Store (New Orleans, LA) (PHY.007776): For allowing a pharmacy technician with a lapsed credential to assist in the practice of pharmacy, the Board assessed a fine of \$2,500 plus administrative and investigative costs.

George Joseph Hebert, III, dba Hebert's Pharmacy (Breaux Bridge, LA) (PHY.002260): For its accountability for controlled substance (CS) audit shortages and failure to provide effective controls and procedures to guard against theft and diversion, the Board assessed a fine of \$15,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Christopher Regis Robin (PST.016333): For his accountability for CS audit shortages as pharmacist-in-charge of Hebert's Pharmacy, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative costs.

Breonne Kiara Monette (CPT.013901): For her failure to disclose her November 2022 arrest on her renewal application for 2023-2024, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$250 plus administrative costs.

Ruthy Lynn Paul (CPT.006591): For her failure to furnish to the Board information legally requested, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$250 plus administrative and investigative costs.

CCMT, LLC, dba Walker Brother's Drug (Plain Dealing, LA) (PHY.007540): For allowing an individual with a suspended pharmacist license to practice pharmacy, the Board assessed a fine of \$25,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Ringgold Pharmacy & Wellness, LLC, dba Ringgold Pharmacy & Wellness (Ringgold, LA) (PHY.008446): For allowing an individual with a suspended pharmacist license to practice pharmacy, the Board assessed a fine of \$25,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Jalyn Shavon Landry (PTC.029253): In lieu of immediate administrative action on a pending matter, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the credential, resulting in the active suspension of the registration for an indefinite period of time commencing on November 15, 2023.

Mindy Morel Burke (CPT.011841): In lieu of immediate administrative action on a pending matter, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the credential, resulting in the active suspension of the certificate for an indefinite period of time commencing on December 5, 2023.

Mims Management Group, LLC, dba Institutional Pharmacy Solutions (Virginia Beach, VA) (PHY.006910): For its failure to disclose a November 2023 disciplinary action by the Virginia Board of Pharmacy as part of its application for the renewal of its Louisiana pharmacy permit for 2024, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative costs.

Ashley Elizabeth Reynolds (PST.020382): In lieu of immediate administrative action on a pending matter, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the credential, resulting in the active suspension of the license for an indefinite period of time commencing on December 15, 2023.

Cha'Von Raynee' Miriam Foxhall (PST.023598): For her failure to disclose her April 2023 arrest on her renewal application for 2024, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus administrative costs.

Thanh Quang Ngo (PST.021474): For his failure to disclose a March 2023 Board order issued by the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy as part of his application for the renewal of his Louisiana pharmacist license for 2024, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus administrative costs.

CarePoint Healthcare, LLC, dba CarePoint Pharmacy (Schaumburg, IL) (PHY.006678): For its failure to disclose a February 2023 disciplinary action by the Colorado State Board of Pharmacy as part of its application for the renewal of its Louisiana pharmacy permit for 2024, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative costs.

Amanda Elizabeth Schubert Balli (PST.019454): In lieu of immediate administrative action on a pending matter, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the credential, resulting in the

active suspension of the license for an indefinite period of time commencing on January 24, 2024.

Joseph Allen Silea (PST.021554): For his failure to disclose a February 2023 Board order issued by the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy as part of his application for the renewal of his Louisiana pharmacist license for 2024, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus administrative costs.

Hope Michelle Chabaud Madere (CPT.012038): Board granted her request for reinstatement of the previously suspended pharmacy technician certificate, conditioned upon her completion of 250 hours of practical experience under the authority of a special work permit within a specified period of time. Further, the special work permit and subsequently reinstated certificate shall be suspended for five years with the execution of the suspension stayed; the special work permit and subsequently reinstated certificate shall be placed on probation for five years, effective on the date of issuance of the special work permit, subject to certain terms enumerated within the voluntary consent agreement.

Jason Warren Dupeire (PST.018298): Board granted his request for modification of previous orders by removing Article 2-e imposed from his August 17, 2022 Probation Board Order.

Calendar Notes (24-04-772)

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 8, 2024. The Board office will be closed on May 27 for Memorial Day and July 4 for Independence Day.

Special Note (24-04-773)

The *Louisiana Board of Pharmacy Newsletter* is considered an official method of notification to pharmacies, pharmacists, pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician candidates credentialed by the Board. **These Newsletters will be used in administrative hearings as proof of notification.** Please read them carefully. Electronic copies dating back to 1998 are posted on the Board's website.

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