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Introduction

On behalf of its Executive Committee and member boards of pharmacy, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy[®] (NABP[®]) is pleased to provide this annual report of the Association's activities, highlighting its continued focus on improving the practice of pharmacy and protecting patients.

The practice and regulation of pharmacy have undergone considerable changes in the past several years, and 2023 was no exception. Some of the changes have been positive; others, negative, and some, a combination of both. Unavoidably, change brings stress, which has fueled attrition and burnout in the workforce. Because workplace stress has been a pervasive problem, 2023-2024 NABP President Lenora Newsome set her presidential initiative to provide resources to support the mental health and well-being of pharmacists and pharmacy staff. In support of this initiative, NABP has taken actions to bolster pharmacy personnel well-being.

What has not changed in NABP's 120-year history is the Association's commitment to protecting public health. As always, NABP programs and services – including providing examinations that assess pharmacist competency, pharmacist licensure transfer and verification services, and various pharmacy accreditation and inspection programs – support this mission.

As the Association continues to innovate in response to changes in the professional landscape and the needs of the board of pharmacy, NABP remains focused on established strategic goals that support the Association's mission and vision. Our accomplishments of the past year are best reflected in the context of these goals.

Strategic Goal 1: Provide, develop, and maintain valid and secure competency examinations, self-assessment tools, and certification programs.

NABP competency assessment programs provide stakeholders, such as the boards of pharmacy, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the schools and colleges of pharmacy, with validly developed examinations critical to states' ensuring a candidate has met minimum competency standards for pharmacist licensure eligibility.

NABP continues to work with schools and colleges of pharmacy to secure transcripts (electronic or mailed) for graduates seeking pharmacist licensure. Transcripts are safely and securely uploaded into each candidate's NABP e-Profile® to be visible to the boards of pharmacy. This process ensures a fair and expedited exam eligibility process across jurisdictions, as well as assists students as they progress through the licensure process and their professional careers by providing access to a verified and secure transcript record. A verified education record confirms that all candidates who take the licensing exams are from a homogenous group (graduates of entry-level ACPE-accredited programs), which is critical to the validity of the exams.

2023 Examination Administrations

NAPLEX	Pre-NAPLEX	MPJE	Pre-MPJE	FPGEE	Pre-FPGEE
17,480	13,472	31,989	9,568	344	276

NAPLEX

The number of North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination® (NAPLEX®) administrations from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, was 17,480, which is a 5% decrease from the previous year, when there were 18,466 administrations. Seventy-four percent (12,971) of the administrations were to 2023 graduates of programs accredited by ACPE who were testing for the first time. All 54 states and jurisdictions require the NAPLEX.

Members of the NAPLEX Review Committee are responsible for the review, coding, and validation of all items written at the NAPLEX Item Development Workshops throughout the year. In addition, the Committee reviews examination content and statistical performance measures of NAPLEX items to assist with decisions regarding the promotion of certain items that will be used to score the NAPLEX. The NAPLEX Review Committee is comprised of a dedicated group of pharmacists from various practice settings and academicians who uphold the standards for professional, high-stakes test development.

MPJE

The number of Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination[®] (MPJE[®]) administrations from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, was 31,989 – down 2% from last year. Seventy-eight percent (25,120) of the administrations were to 2023 graduates of programs accredited by ACPE who were testing for the first time. As of 2023, the MPJE is required by 47 boards of pharmacy and must be passed (with few exceptions) prior to applying for NABP's Electronic Licensure Transfer Program[®] (eLTP).

Members of the MPJE Review Committee are responsible for reviewing, coding, and editing items for all participating jurisdictions. The state boards of pharmacy are responsible for contributing to item development for the program. In addition, the participating jurisdictions review their respective state pools annually and provide NABP with any changes to laws and regulations that may affect the operational item pool throughout the year.

Reflecting changes in the professional landscape, NABP convened the Uniform Jurisprudence Examination Steering Committee in June 2023, pursuant to a resolution that was approved by the NABP membership in May 2022. The committee met, in part, to determine the architectural framework for the development of a uniform national standardized pharmacy jurisprudence examination to provide state boards of pharmacy with the option of using it to assess competency for licensure in the future. The goal of the UPJE in those states that adopt it is for a pharmacist to take one pharmacy jurisprudence exam to demonstrate their competency. Candidates who pass the UPJE would meet the law examination requirement in all states that recognize it and, assuming they passed the NAPLEX, would be eligible to practice in any of those states without taking another law exam.

Practice Exams

The number of Pre-NAPLEX® and Pre-MPJE® administrations from January through December 2023 was 13,472 and 9,568, respectively. Schools and colleges of pharmacy are purchasing vouchers for both practice exams, and many are hosting proctored examination sessions. NABP cautions that the interpretation and use of practice examination scores should be evaluated within the context of the tests' purpose(s).

FPGEC

The 2023 Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination® (FPGEE®) continued to see a decrease in volume compared to previous years, with 344 administrations in 2023, compared to 447 in 2022. The number of Pre-FPGEE® examinations also decreased to 276 administrations, compared to 317 in 2022. The FPGEE pass rate saw a slight increase; 86% of candidates passed the FPGEE in 2023, compared to 85% in 2022.

PCOA

The Pharmacy Curriculum Outcomes Assessment® (PCOA®) is no longer required by ACPE for all individuals nearing the completion of their didactic curriculum to meet Standard 24: Assessment Elements of the ACPE Accreditation Standards and Key Elements for the Professional Program in Pharmacy Leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree (Standards 2016). The PCOA was phased out as of June 2023, and NABP stopped accepting new registrations from the schools in spring 2023 so that final PCOA administrations could be conducted and completed by the end of the 2023 academic year.

For the academic year ending June 31, 2023, there were 71 schools participating in the PCOA. The total number for the year was anticipated to be smaller than the previous academic year number of 93 participating schools due to the plan to sunset the PCOA.

2023 PCOA Administrations per Program Year (PY)

PY 1	PY 2	PY 3	PY 4	2023 Total
671	1,078	4,952	184	6,885

NAPLEX Advantage

NAPLEX Advantage was recently introduced as a tool for schools and colleges of pharmacy to assess their students' readiness to take the NAPLEX. NAPLEX Advantage offers:

- event-based, live-proctored school testing that is administered by the schools and colleges of pharmacy, giving them more flexibility and control over the process;
- practice exam experience that simulates the experience of the NAPLEX;
- inclusion of previously operational questions that have been retired from past NAPLEX versions; and
- questions that cover the same competency areas as the NAPLEX.

In addition, the NAPLEX Advantage provides schools and colleges with data they can use to identify trends and evaluate curricula. It provides a performance report for each student, including a scaled score, and indicates how they performed in each of the competency areas, with the aim of helping students plan their exam preparation. NAPLEX Advantage can be utilized for students in any academic year (P1 to P4) so that schools and colleges can monitor trends if they use it for the same cohort as they progress through the curriculum. Schools and colleges of pharmacy receive an aggregate performance report with all students' scores and performance by competency area, as well as individual students' reports. This data enables them to evaluate trends and general student readiness based on P-level of the cohort and their place in the curricula.

NABP Inspection Programs

Through the Verified Pharmacy Program[®] (VPP[®]), the Supply Chain Inspection program, and the Preoperational Inspection program, NABP fills in gaps by providing inspection services to the states that request additional assistance. The focus, however, remains on continuing to provide training, education, and tools to the states to assist in maintaining robust state inspection processes and resources while making inspection reports available upon request through NABP's Information Sharing Network.

VPP continues to provide a valuable service to pharmacies through careful reviews, thorough reports, and, as of November 1, 2023, alignment with the

revised United States Pharmacopeia (USP) chapters for Nonsterile Compounding, Sterile Compounding, Hazardous Drug Compounding, and Nuclear/Radiopharmaceutical Preparation, Compounding, Dispensing, and Repackaging. VPP is the most widely recognized multistate, uniform inspection program accepted by the state boards of pharmacy. The program is geared toward pharmacies that need a resident or nonresident pharmacy inspection required by a board of pharmacy for renewing or obtaining licensure or for those wanting to pursue NABP's Compounding Pharmacy Accreditation, for which VPP is a prerequisite. In 2023, there were a total of 343 VPP inspections – up 31% from the 261 inspections the year before.

Since NABP's Supply Chain Inspection launched in 2019, NABP has conducted 618 on-site inspections. The Supply Chain Inspection numbers started to dramatically increase after January 2022, when NABP Drug Distributor and OTC Medical Device Distributor accreditations no longer included an on-site visit. Instead, all new and reaccreditation applicants must have completed a Supply Chain Inspection as a prerequisite prior to application. During 2023, NABP completed 293 supply chain inspections, which is a 12% increase in the total number of supply chain inspections compared to the previous year (261). In early January 2024, 47 inspections had already been scheduled out of the 297 inspections anticipated for this year.

NABP's Supply Chain Inspection program is intended for participants in the medical supply chain that store, handle, and ship prescription drugs and/or prescription devices or that own title to a prescription drug or prescription device while using a third party to store, handle, and ship on the facility's behalf.

Pharmacies and distributors that need a facility inspection to obtain a resident license but that are located in a state whose board of pharmacy is unable to perform inspections can apply for a Preoperational Inspection from NABP. The service is intended to address the inspection needs of all types of pharmacies and distributors seeking a resident license but that are not yet operational or are undergoing operational changes, such as moving to a new location, undergoing a change in ownership, or completing significant construction.

NABP Accreditation Programs

Advances in technology and distribution, as well as the increase in the use of pharmaceuticals, continue to create opportunities for new entities in the practice of pharmacy, and with these developments come new concerns for public health and safety. Meanwhile, state regulators face shrinking resources, causing logistical difficulties in the regulation of these entities. To support the boards of pharmacy and protect public health, NABP's accreditation programs for wholesale distributors and pharmacies focus on uniform standards and patient safety.

Applicants for NABP accreditations undergo reviews to determine compliance with accreditation standards, licensure verification, on-site visits and screening through the NABP Clearinghouse. Several states now recognize accreditation by the appropriate NABP program as a requisite for licensure of certain entities, thus ensuring public safety and reducing the burden on state boards of pharmacy. As part of President Newsome's initiative, NABP is considering how to include mental health and well-being considerations in the Association's accreditation programs.

2023 Accreditation and Reccreditation Data

- Drug Distributor Accreditation – 733 facilities accredited, including 44 new accreditations and 126 reaccreditations awarded in 2023.
- DMEPOS Pharmacy Accreditation – 19 new accreditations and 14 reaccreditations. Currently, 164 companies representing almost 25,000 facilities are accredited by NABP for DMEPOS Pharmacy.
- Digital Pharmacy Accreditation – five new accreditations and 12 reaccreditations. A total of 85 businesses that account for tens of thousands of pharmacies across the United States are accredited, and overall participation in Digital Pharmacy Accreditation has steadily increased since the program's inception in 1999.
- Compounding Pharmacy Accreditation – eight new accreditations, for a total of 57 accreditations since the program launched in 2020.
- Healthcare Merchant Accreditation – 97 new accreditations and 255 reaccreditations.

Several of the Association's other accreditations demonstrated success in 2023. As of the end of 2023, there were more than 21,000 pharmacies accredited through Community Pharmacy Accreditation, 13 pharmacies accredited through Specialty Pharmacy Accreditation, and three

pharmacies accredited through Home Infusion Therapy Pharmacy Accreditation. NABP marked the fifth anniversary of the Community Pharmacy Accreditation and the Specialty Pharmacy Accreditation programs in 2023.

Strategic Goal 2: Develop educational campaigns and/or programs that explain the role of member boards and NABP's role to assist member boards in fulfilling their responsibilities to protect the public health.

NABP furthers its mission to assist its member boards in protecting public health by offering an insightful, patient-centered website, safe.pharmacy, with information, resources, and robust search tools to promote medication safety, support drug disposal, and prevent medication misuse. NABP recently updated the website to offer a modern design, cohesive branding, and patient-focused imagery to better connect with consumers. The website provides a variety of enhanced content, including:

- drug donation information for both medicine and medical supplies;
- information about the uses and administration of lifesaving drugs like naloxone;
- safety information for purchasing prescription medication online;
- current blog topics centered around patient safety; and
- shareable educational resources such as social media posts, images, and stories.

The safe.pharmacy website continues to be a vital resource for both consumers and health care providers who interact with patients. The website offers a Safe Site Search Tool for patients to

search for licensed, verified pharmacies when purchasing medication online and a Drug Disposal Locator Tool to easily find locations to dispose of unneeded medication.

NABP also disseminates consumer safety information through its various social media channels. In 2023, NABP supported the Prevention of Overdoses and Treatment Errors in Children Taskforce (PROTECT) initiative. The initiative brings together public health agencies, private sector companies, professional organizations, consumer/patient advocates,

and academic experts to develop strategies to keep children safe from unintentional medication overdoses. Through social media, NABP promoted safer packaging, safer use, and safer storage and links to the PROTECT Up and Away website to further share this information.

In addition, NABP's Digital Health team provides an important service not only for consumers, but also for regulators, through their identification of websites illegally selling or facilitating the illegal sale of prescription medications. The team has identified over 40,000 websites as Not Recommended. These sites appeared to be operating out of compliance with state and federal laws or established patient safety and pharmacy practice standards. They may also sell or facilitate the sale of substandard or falsified drugs. This data is used to power the search tool available to consumers who visit [safe.pharmacy](https://www.safe.pharmacy) to check if a website selling medication is verified by NABP or Not Recommended. NABP also regularly shares its findings with Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Drug Enforcement Administration, Europol, and other stakeholder organizations.

Strategic Goal 3: Identify needs of member boards and, when feasible, establish new programs and services to support them.

The most significant program that NABP has added recently is NABP Verify™, a license monitoring service that offers boards of pharmacy additional insight into and oversight of out-of-state pharmacists practicing via an interstate practice model. At the end of 2023, there were 6,134 pharmacist subscribers to the NABP Verify Program.

New in 2023, the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists began using eLTP to verify licensure and disciplinary information of pharmacists holding US state-issued licenses who seek pharmacist licensure in Nova Scotia.

While upholding licensing standards and monitoring regulatory compliance remain top priorities for the boards of pharmacy, they must also consider and support the needs of their licensees. As health care providers, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians have always felt the need to ensure the safety of their patients. In recent years, however, stress levels for pharmacy personnel have increased exponentially, commensurate with new responsibilities and increased workloads. NABP, guided by the

presidential initiative of 2023-2024 President Lenora S. Newsome, has taken steps to support mental health in the pharmacy profession.

President Newsome's goal was to promote mental health and well-being for pharmacists and pharmacy staff in the midst of an increasingly challenging and stressful workplace. To promote a healthier pharmacy environment and combat unsafe working conditions, the initiative focuses on providing resources to support the mental health and well-being for pharmacists and pharmacy staff. As part of her initiative, NABP convened a task force comprising individuals with a wide array of pharmacy backgrounds to gather information and provide recommendations. There are two main objectives for this initiative: 1) including mental health and well-being considerations in NABP accreditation programs, and 2) adding a resources page on the NABP website providing a variety of tools and information to help manage these issues. The new Mental Health and Well-Being Resources page is designed for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to assess, support, and enhance mental health.

Strategic Goal 4: Collect, manage, and analyze data to facilitate strategic growth of accreditation, inspections, licensure, competency assessment, compliance, and the development of new programs and services.

NABP continues to enhance its data sharing capabilities through NABP e-Profile, supporting the boards of pharmacy by providing timely and accurate state licensee information. These enhancements are intended to ensure that e-Profile data is up to date, complete, and more quickly accessible to the boards. Currently, 12 boards of pharmacy are participating in the data exchange and actively sharing data with NABP; several additional states are working toward sharing data.

NABP offers multiple options to meet boards' varying resource needs, including secure file transfer, an application programming interface (API) that transfers data securely at a scheduled time or on demand, and most recently, a webhook, also known as publish/subscribe. With the webhook, NABP software and a state board's software "listen" for changes in either database to which they subscribe. NABP data exchange can significantly reduce the time needed for boards to process licenses, increase valid information in both databases, and, most importantly, decrease data inconsistencies and errors.

The development of NABP's APIs has also made it easier for the boards and other stakeholders to submit and retrieve data from NABP and to automate certain processes, thus freeing up board staff resources for other important duties. NABP works closely with licensing software providers/vendors and board of pharmacy IT staff to help integrate APIs for data exchanges.

NABP e-Profile Connect® is a powerful tool for boards and schools and colleges of pharmacy alike. Data exchange and integration helps ensure that data from e-Profile Connect is up-to-date and complete, serves as a valuable resource to boards, and keeps information free from errors and easily accessible through our data exchange capabilities. Deans of schools and colleges of pharmacy can contact eProfileAccess@nabp.pharmacy to set up an account for faculty or administrative staff who need access.

Strategic Goal 5: Establish and maintain uniform licensing and practice standards.

Licensure Transfer, Eligibility Services, and NABP Clearinghouse

For over a century, NABP has served a key role in providing states with applicant information for pharmacists seeking to transfer licensure from one jurisdiction to another. In fact, the desire for uniformity in the reciprocity process was one of the catalysts for the creation of NABP in 1904. Today, licensure transfer remains a cornerstone of the Association's operations. NABP offers a fully digital, secure, and highly streamlined eLTP that facilitates the licensure transfer process on behalf of its member boards of pharmacy. The program remains necessary to enable pharmacist mobility in an ever-changing profession. More than ever, pharmacists are seeking out diverse career opportunities, and NABP remains committed to assisting them and the boards in ensuring as smooth a process as possible while still maintaining a commitment to protecting public health.

Through eLTP, pharmacists wishing to obtain licensure in additional states can transfer their licenses with ease. The program screens applicants' licenses for disciplinary actions, exam history, and eligibility and verifies background information. The information is then provided to the boards of pharmacy through e-Profile Connect, so they can review the data as part of

the decision-making process for licensure transfer approval. NABP continues to work with its member boards of pharmacy to enhance the eLTP process to support the future of pharmacy practice.

Recent enhancements are most visible to applicants as major upgrades to the online eLTP application. User experience enhancements were at the center of these improvements.

1. A refined modernized interface that aligns with NABP visual brand guidelines creates a more cohesive experience and reflects the NABP brand of being trustworthy and data driven.
2. Navigation was also improved to make it more intuitive and easier for users to access the functions and information they need. For example, important eLTP requirements are now listed throughout the new online application. In addition, all relevant NABP e-Profile® data are automatically transferred to eLTP applications for users to view, which minimizes the risk that applicants may forget to add their information.
3. To improve the quality of data and to prevent common mistakes, compliance alerts appear to users as pop-up “tool tips” that let users know if they do not meet state requirements for licensure. In addition, steps were added to assist users in identifying whether they meet state-specific license transfer requirements, are required to take a new jurisdiction’s MPJE, or if they are eligible for an armed forces discount with NABP. Providing this information to applicants during the online application can also help to prevent processing delays at NABP and the boards of pharmacy.
4. An improved photo and cropping feature has been added, allowing users to quickly upload and edit a photo to attach as part of their eLTP application. This feature has been one of the most requested based on past surveys of states.

Boards and their staff benefit from these improvements in the form of improved data quality, fewer errors in applications, and improved processing time for licensure transfer requests. Looking ahead, NABP will continue to adapt its licensure transfer service and other offerings to fit the

pharmacy landscape through continuous collaboration with its member boards, pharmacists, and other stakeholders.

Representing a slight decline from the previous year, a total of 12,253 licensure transfer applications were submitted through eLTP in 2023. When accounting for applications that include requests for transfer to multiple states, NABP processed 16,582 total requests. The previous year, NABP received about 12,865 applications (representing 17,692 requests), which indicates a decrease of approximately 6% from 2022 to 2023. Several factors have contributed to this decrease, including a lower student enrollment in pharmacy schools, a reduced pharmacist work force, a change in requirements for military licensure transfer, and state regulatory changes.

Screening for disciplinary actions is another key component of the licensure transfer process, and the NABP Clearinghouse is the tool that supports this effort. A national database of disciplinary information on pharmacists practicing in NABP's member states and jurisdictions, the Clearinghouse also houses information reported by the member boards of pharmacy on actions taken against wholesale distributors, pharmacies, pharmacy owners, technicians, interns, manufacturers, and controlled substance licenses. Accessible to boards of pharmacy via e-Profile Connect, the information housed in the Clearinghouse is a vital component used in determining the acceptability of pharmacists who request transfer of licenses into other states or jurisdictions. The Clearinghouse is also used to support all NABP accreditation programs. Active member boards agree via the NABP Constitution and Bylaws to submit all final adverse actions to NABP in a timely manner.

NABP Task Forces

Throughout 2023, NABP held single-issue task forces to discuss topics important to the practice of pharmacy and the protection of public health. Often these task forces resulted in recommendations to update the Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (Model Act), a document that provides model language that may be used when developing state laws or board rules. 2023 was a particularly busy year, with four task forces:

- Task Force on Pharmacists and Pharmacy Personnel Mental Health and Well-Being Task Force to Review Unprofessional Conduct and Disciplinary Actions
- Task Force on Shared Pharmacy Services, Automated Pharmacy Systems, Remote Dispensing Sites, and Telepharmacy
- Task Force to Create an Industry Standard for Pharmacy Technician Scope of Practice and Entry-Level Requirements to Support Interstate Portability

The task force [reports](#), including background, discussion, and recommendations, are available for download on the NABP website.

Strategic Goal 6: Liaise with appropriate state, federal, and international agencies, associations, and other entities.

Through collaboration with many partners, NABP tackles a myriad of issues and initiatives that serve our mission to protect public health. Some examples of these partnerships, both new and long standing, are as follows:

- NABP developed tools to better address curriculum and prepare pharmacists for future practice in partnership with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) and ACPE.
- NABP collaborates with pharmacy organizations to address patient safety and well-being, while also working with its membership to provide tools and resources to address working conditions. American Pharmacists Association, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and NABP convened a summit in June 2023 to address workplace problems leading to high stress levels and occupational burnout across various pharmacy practice settings. Summit participants devised transformative and actionable changes for the pharmacy and related communities to improve pharmacy workplace conditions. The resulting action items include strategies to improve workplace conditions by addressing day-to-day challenges, removing obstacles to well-being, and advancing practice models for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.
- Working collaboratively to address the stigma associated with opioid use disorders and access challenges, NABP is joining forces with the University of Houston School of Pharmacy, National Community Pharmacists Association, and other stakeholders to develop

guidelines to improve access to medication for opioid use disorder through community pharmacies. As part of this project, funded by the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts, NABP posted the draft guidelines on its website for public comments and is hosting a panel of experts to review the comments and assist in finalizing the guidelines.

- The Association is working with AACP and a group of other nonprofit organizations on a three-year project, Eliminating Generational Racial Health Disparities, funded by the Office of Minority Health of the US Department of Health and Human Services. As part of this project, NABP convened a virtual meeting of stakeholders to identify needed policy changes related to racial and ethnic diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in health care. The group's recommendations were subsequently woven into a joint policy [statement](#) published in January 2023 to promote DEI at all levels of health care.
- NABP continues to liaise with the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), including discussing the direction and leadership of the FIP Forum of Pharmacy Professional Regulators, and participating in the 81st FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- Through a partnership with the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities, NABP verifies the licensure of Canadian applications for Healthcare Merchant Accreditation.

Strategic Goal 7: Provide tools to aid boards in vetting the licensing of qualified practitioners that enhance health care, safety, and patient outcomes.

With the new Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) requirements set to be enforced beginning in November 2024, NABP has continued to work with its member boards and stakeholders across the pharmacy industry to prepare. The primary goal of our DSCSA efforts is to ensure the creation of an interoperable framework to facilitate state regulator communication with trading partners as they carry out their regulatory responsibilities to protect the prescription drug supply chain.

To meet this need, NABP developed Pulse by NABP™, a digital platform that simplifies compliance with DSCSA, brings visibility to the drug supply chain, and protects patients from counterfeit, substandard, and falsified

prescription medications. Launching fully in 2024, the Pulse platform is designed to facilitate manufacturers, wholesalers, pharmacies, and regulators to identify counterfeit or substandard prescription medications and connect with each other when required; provide authorized partners with capabilities to help them accurately trace prescription medications throughout the supply chain; and give patients more confidence that their prescriptions are legitimate.

To support organizations navigating the DSCSA implementation phase, Pulse will provide access to user-friendly tools and a comprehensive network of verified relationships, enabling consistent communication with trusted trading partners of all sizes across the supply chain. Pulse will also include educational programs and tools to help those who utilize the platform prepare for DSCSA compliance, further enabling supply chain success.

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) recently adopted Pulse to assist with DSCSA compliance and to help ensure that its prescription medication suppliers are appropriately licensed. VHA will require all current and future vendors (trading partners) that provide prescription products within the Veterans Affairs health system to register with Pulse.

As an extension of the Pulse platform's utility to protect the supply chain, NABP conducted a serial number decommissioning pilot program. The pilot demonstrates a use case for the platform to ensure that drug products, once dispensed, cannot be diverted and reintroduced into the supply chain. In addition, NABP is exploring pilots to increase visibility in the supply chain to address drug shortages and to detect substandard and falsified medications in Africa.

NABP is committed to supporting and sharing information and resources with its member boards of pharmacy for years to come. NABP looks forward to relationship building and dialogue at the district meetings. Throughout the years of our long and productive history, NABP continues to expand its goals of advancing pharmacy education, research, scholarship, practice, and service to improve health for all.

NABP Mission Statement

NABP is the independent, international, and impartial Association that assists its member boards in protecting the public health.

Vision Statement

Innovating and collaborating today for a safer public health tomorrow.

NABP Member Boards of Pharmacy

Alabama State Board of Pharmacy
Alaska Board of Pharmacy
Arizona State Board of Pharmacy
Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy
California State Board of Pharmacy
Colorado State Board of Pharmacy
Connecticut Commission of Pharmacy
Delaware State Board of Pharmacy
District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy
Florida Board of Pharmacy
Georgia State Board of Pharmacy
Guam Board of Examiners for Pharmacy
Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy
Idaho State Board of Pharmacy
Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation – State Board of Pharmacy
Indiana Board of Pharmacy
Iowa Board of Pharmacy
Kansas State Board of Pharmacy
Kentucky Board of Pharmacy
Louisiana Board of Pharmacy
Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation – Board of

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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy
Michigan Board of Pharmacy
Minnesota Board of Pharmacy
Mississippi Board of Pharmacy
Missouri Board of Pharmacy
Montana Board of Pharmacy
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit
Nevada State Board of Pharmacy
New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy
New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy
New Mexico Board of Pharmacy
New York State Board of Pharmacy
North Carolina Board of Pharmacy
North Dakota State Board of Pharmacy
State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy
Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy
Oregon Board of Pharmacy
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South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation – Board of Pharmacy
South Dakota Board of Pharmacy

Tennessee Board of Pharmacy
Texas State Board of Pharmacy
Utah Board of Pharmacy
Vermont Board of Pharmacy
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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
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