

# LOUISIANA BOARD OF PHARMACY

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## ACT 246 (Senate Bill 276) of the 2024 Louisiana Legislature – Effective October 1, 2024 (24-07-774)

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Act 246 creates the crime of coerced criminal abortion by means of fraud when a person knowingly and intentionally engages in the use of an abortion-inducing drug on a pregnant woman, without her knowledge or consent, with the intent to cause an abortion. Act 246 also adds the drugs mifepristone and misoprostol to Schedule IV of the state's Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law. The legislature directed the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to notify all pharmacists in Louisiana about the provisions of the law and to ensure that pharmacists are aware that lawful prescriptions for mifepristone

and misoprostol **may be filled** in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes (RS) 14:87.9(C)(6).

According to RS 14:87.9(C)(6), which became effective on August 1, 2022, a diagnosis or a diagnosis code **shall** be written on the prescription **by the prescriber** indicating that the drug is intended for a purpose other than to cause an abortion in violation of this Section of law. It also states that filling a prescription for a drug prescribed for a bona fide medical reason, shall not subject the pharmacist or the pharmacy to the criminal consequences of this Section of law.

# CMS Issues Final Rule to Adopt NCPDP SCRIPT Standard Version 2023011 (24-07-775)

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a final rule for health information technology standards to adopt the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) SCRIPT Standard Version 2023011, which allows electronic controlled substances (CS) between pharmacies.

This **final rule** is in response to Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA's) final rule, "Transfer of Electronic Prescriptions for Schedules II-V Controlled Substances Between Pharmacies for Initial Filling," which allows pharmacies to transfer electronic prescriptions for Schedule II-V CS between retail pharmacies for initial

filling, "upon request of the patient, on a one-time basis, in accordance with requirements codified at 21 Code of Federal Regulations 1306.08(e) through (i) and subject to other applicable laws."

The transition period from NCPDP SCRIPT Standard Version 2017071 to Standard Version 2023011 will end on January 1, 2028.



## Spotlight on Compliance (24-07-776)

When a DEA registrant experiences any theft or **significant loss** of any CS, the registrant must fulfill certain requirements. Compliance officers sometimes discover that registrants have not done so, often because staff claims they were unaware of the regulations or were not prompted by their employer to complete the tasks.

Following any theft or significant loss of any CS:

- the registrant must submit an initial notification of the theft or loss to DEA and the Board within one business day of the discovery of the theft or significant loss.
- the registrant must conduct a **complete** CS inventory.
- if a loss is confirmed, the registrant must complete a **DEA Form 106** and submit that report to DEA and the Board. If it is determined that there was no theft or loss, it is recommended that the registrant notify DEA and the Board in writing of this fact to resolve the initial report and explain why no DEA Form 106 was filed regarding the incident.

DEA now requires the registrant to file a complete and accurate DEA Form 106 within 45 days after discovery of the theft or significant loss.

Credential holders are encouraged to be familiar with all regulations that affect their practice, in order to remain in compliance. Laws and regulations are available under the Resources tab on the Board website, [www.pharmacy.la.gov](http://www.pharmacy.la.gov).

## Reminder: DSCSA Compliance (24-07-777)

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 (24-07-778)

During its May 8, 2024 meeting, the Board took action in the following matters:

**Trinity Deshay Thomas (PTC.031780):** For diverting CS from her employer pharmacy, the Board suspended her credential for an indefinite period of time; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus hearing, administrative, and investigative costs; and further, conditioned the acceptance of any future application upon the satisfaction of certain requirements identified within the hearing order.

**Kei'undra Chaley Senegal (PTC.031711):** For diverting CS from her employer pharmacy, the Board suspended her credential for an indefinite period of time; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus hearing, administrative, and investigative costs; and further, conditioned the acceptance of any future application upon the satisfaction of certain requirements identified within the hearing order.

**Mar'kayla Renee' Green (CPT.017269):** For her failure to furnish to the Board information legally requested and for obtaining a credential by misrepresentation, the Board suspended her credential for an indefinite period of time; and further, assessed a fine of \$500 plus hearing, administrative, and investigative costs; and further, conditioned the acceptance of any future application upon the satisfaction of certain requirements identified within the hearing order.

**Jorden Paige Wells (CPT.013172):** For an arrest on or about August 15, 2023, involving the operation of a vehicle while intoxicated, possession of a Schedule II and drug paraphernalia, and her failure to furnish to the Board information legally requested, the Board revoked her credential; and further, prohibited her from applying or reapplying to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy.

**Galleria Medical Pharmacy, LLC, dba Galleria Medical Pharmacy (Metairie, LA) (PHY.007516):** For its failure to comply with Board regulations in regard to the compounding of sterile preparations (Case No. 23-0259), the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$45,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

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**Mayme Lucille Hymel (PST.022705):** For her accountability as pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) for compliance with Board regulations in regard to the compounding of sterile preparations at Galleria Medical Pharmacy, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative costs and ordered her to complete a sterile compounding training course by December 31, 2024.

**Galleria Medical Pharmacy, LLC, dba Galleria Medical Pharmacy (Metairie) (PHY.007516):** For its failure to comply with Board regulations in regard to the compounding of sterile preparations (Case No. 23-0270), the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$60,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

**Ronald Charles Cavaretta, Jr (PST.018866):** For his accountability as PIC for compliance with Board regulations in regard to the compounding of sterile preparations at Galleria Medical Pharmacy, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$7,500 plus administrative costs and ordered him to complete a sterile compounding training course by December 31, 2024.

**Samantha Martin Rotherham (PTC.032378):** For an arrest involving a felony conspiracy to introduce contraband into a correctional facility, the Board revoked her credential; and further, prohibited her from applying or reapplying to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy.

**Ashley Nzinga Jones (CPT.015545):** 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 March 18, 2024.

**Henry James Dunklau, IV (PST.023290):** For his failure to report a November 2022 Board order issued by the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy as part of his reinstatement application for 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.

**Ashley Nicole Marrs (PST.024922):** For her failure to report an October 2023 Board order issued by the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy as part of her application for the renewal of her 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.

**Kayla Mona' Wilson (CPT.017515):** For her failure to report a September 2023 arrest as part of her pharmacy technician application, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$250 plus administrative costs.

**Kacie Leigh Dore' Keith (PST.020248):** 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 May 1, 2024.

**Courtland Gregory Dickinson (PST.023335):** Board granted his request for reinstatement of the previously suspended license, converted the duration of the suspensive period to a term of five years and stayed the execution



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of the suspension, then placed the license on probation for five years, beginning on May 8, 2024, and terminating on May 8, 2029, subject to certain terms enumerated within the voluntary consent agreement.

**Peyton Brownlee Vinson (CPT.008842):** Board granted her request for reinstatement of the previously lapsed credential, suspended the certificate for five years and stayed the execution of the suspension, then placed the certificate on probation for five years, beginning on May 8, 2024, and terminating on May 8, 2029, subject to certain terms enumerated within the voluntary consent agreement.

**Chris Brooks Klingman (PST.017980):** Board granted his request for modification of previous orders by removing Article 2-e imposed from his November 17, 2021 Probation Board Order.

**Michael Marist Bourg (PST.016141):** Board rescinded the August 16, 2023 Board Order imposed upon his license.

**Pharmaceutical Specialties, LLC, dba Pharmaceutical Specialties (Baton Rouge, LA) (PHY.008107):** Board rescinded the August 16, 2023 Board Order imposed upon the permit.

## Calendar Notes (24-07-779)

*Upcoming Holidays:* The Board office will be closed on July 4-5 in observance of Independence Day and on September 2 for Labor Day.

*Upcoming Board Meeting:* The next regular quarterly meeting of the Board and some of its committees is tentatively scheduled for August 13-14, 2024. Upcoming events can be found on the home page of the Board's website.

### Special Note (24-07-780)

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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