

MINNESOTA BOARD OF PHARMACY

Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy
and Drug Law Compliance.

Disciplinary Actions Listed Online

Because of space limitations, information on disciplinary actions is no longer included in the *Minnesota Board of Pharmacy Newsletter*. A document that

provides information about recent Board disciplinary actions can be found on the Board's [website](#) under the "Resources/FAQs" menu item.

Verification of Licensing for Supply Chain Partners

Pharmacies are reminded that the definition of wholesaling (wholesale distribution) is found in [Minnesota Statutes 151.441, Subdivision 13](#). Any time a drug goes to a person other than a consumer or patient, the activity would be considered wholesaling unless it also met one or more of the exceptions listed in the statutes. Due to recent changes

in the reverse distributor market, many pharmacies have been fielding calls soliciting that business. Pharmacies are encouraged to evaluate current Minnesota licensure prior to use of these and any potential supply/distribution partners. [Verification of licensure](#) may be found on the Board's website and in the preceding link.

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Pharmacist CE Verification Due September 30, 2024

Minnesota-licensed pharmacists are reminded that continuing education (CE) reporting is due no later than September 30 of every even-numbered year, as per [Minnesota Administrative Rules 6800.1500, Subpart 2](#).

The current CE period spans October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2024. Based on the renewal process with the new ALIMS database, you were unable to certify that you completed your CE until **after** the renewal of your license was completed. Assuming

your renewal was completed successfully, you may log in to your portal account and navigate to the “License” tab of your account. There, you will find an active link for certification of CE completion.

After entering that area, you will need to review and sign an acknowledgement of the Tennessee warning. Then, you may navigate further to affirm that you have completed your 30 hours of CE for the period above.

It is important that you do not attest to completing your CE

until you have indeed completed the required amount. Individuals who fail to attest by the due date will be audited and required to provide program completion data. Furthermore, the Board conducts a random audit of a small portion of licensees who certify completion of CE. If you are selected in the random audit, you will be able to provide proof of completion of CE by logging in to the Board’s [online services](#) and uploading the evidence thereof.



Pharmacists Targeted in Fraud Schemes

The Board has been notified about a variety of suspicious calls and contacts. In the wake of the Change Healthcare cyberattack and breach, the Board reminds licensees to be careful as they have things scammers commonly

seek: drugs, money, and sensitive information required to access drugs and money.

The Board has maintained a [FAQ regarding scams](#), which was last revised in 2021 but remains relevant and accurate. Additionally,

under the public section of the Board’s website is a [Fraud Alert Report](#), which covers scammer techniques specific to the drug supply chain and recommends actions to protect yourself and your employer. You are

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encouraged to review and be familiar with both documents and understand that, while details and scam tactics change regularly, the need for caution remains.

Pharmacists and pharmacy support staff are reminded to be alert to potentially fraudulent calls, faxes, and attempts at phishing. The most reported scams involve scammers attempting to:

- Extort or obtain money from individuals (commonly fines, discipline, litigation, license suspensions, tangential investigation by another agency, and accusations of drug trafficking).

- Extract information to potentially gain access to drugs or shipments through a pharmacy's legitimate wholesalers and supply channels.
- Obtain missing information that is not public to commit identity theft.

While federal agencies and jurisdictions may be utilized by scammers, calls purporting to be from other agencies within the state should be scrutinized. The Board alone is specifically authorized to regulate, investigate, and pursue discipline against its licensees and registrants through

its enforcement of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 151 and Minnesota Administrative Rules Chapter 6800.

Direction from Board staff has been to report possible fraudulent attempts to company managers and officials, law enforcement, and either the [Federal Trade Commission](#) or the [Federal Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crime Complaint Center](#), dependent on the nature of the scam. For more information about where to report and how to protect yourself from scams, visit www.usa.gov/scams-and-fraud.

Semaglutide and GLP-1 Drugs



Information regarding semaglutide compounding for health care providers and patients, as well as information on the classification of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) drugs, can be found on the Food and Drug Administration website: [Medications Containing Semaglutide Marketed for Type 2 Diabetes or Weight Loss](#). There is also information on the Board's [website](#), providing guidance for determining the legitimacy of online websites for medications: Safe Pharmacy | National Association of Boards of Pharmacy®.

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