

OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy and Drug Law Compliance.

24.133 Pharmacy Renewals

Please be sure to list **all** employees when completing your pharmacy renewal(s). If an employee is not listed on the renewal, and they are in fact employed by the pharmacy, the

Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy will end their employment, which, for technicians, will prohibit them from renewing in a timely manner.

24.134 Renewing and CE

At the time of renewal, each pharmacist must certify that they have obtained at least 15 clock hours of continuing education (CE) credits through satisfactory completion of an accredited program during

the previous calendar year (January 1-December 31). New graduates may use the school attended in place of CE for the first renewal **only** if they were in school during the previous year.

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24.135 Immunization CE for Pharmacists and Technicians

A DPh with immunization registration must maintain ongoing competency through required training, including, at a minimum, current CPR certification and one

hour of immunization-related, Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)-accredited CE annually.



24.135 Immunization CE for Pharmacists and Technicians *(continued)*

A pharmacy technician with immunization registration must complete a minimum of one hour of immunization-related, ACPE-

accredited, or Board-approved CE annually. A pharmacy technician must maintain current CPR certification.

24.136 Technician Immunization Permit

A permitted technician who wants to be allowed to give immunizations must first complete an ACPE-accredited immunization training program and have received CPR certification. Then, they must apply for an immunization permit from the Board prior to administering immunizations. Please review the technician rules for administering immunizations.

Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 535:15-13-6.1. Technician Rules for Administering Immunizations

- (a) In order to obtain and maintain eligibility to administer immunizations, an applicant must be permitted as a pharmacy technician in Oklahoma and have successfully completed an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited immunization training program for pharmacy technicians.
- (b) A pharmacy technician with immunization registration must complete a minimum of 1 hour of immunization related ACPE accredited, or Board approved Continuing Education (CE) annually.
- (c) A pharmacy technician must maintain current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification.
- (d) The pharmacist in charge and pharmacy technician are responsible for maintaining training and education documentation.
- (e) A pharmacy technician with proper training may administer vaccines delegated by the pharmacist on duty if:
 - (1) The vaccine is authorized, approved, or licensed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
 - (2) The vaccine is ordered and administered according to Centers for Disease Control (CDC)/ Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations.
 - (3) The delegating pharmacist is readily and immediately available to the immunizing pharmacy technician.
 - (4) The delegating pharmacist is registered with the Board as an immunizing pharmacist and is current on all other requirements of the Board.
- (f) Prior to administering immunizations, each pharmacy technician shall obtain an immunization permit from the Board.
 - (1) Such pharmacy technician shall apply for and obtain an immunization permit by completing an application form furnished by the Board and paying the \$25 fee.
 - (2) The immunization permit must be displayed in the pharmacy where the pharmacy technician is performing immunizations.

(3) The Board will maintain a registry of pharmacy technicians that have been approved to administer immunizations.

(4) Duplicate immunization permits can be requested from the Board for a fee.

(g) A pharmacy technician seeking reinstatement of a technician permit must complete and submit 2 hours of immunization related ACPE accredited CE to also reinstate a previously issued immunization permit.

[Source: Added at 40 Ok Reg 1140, eff 9-1-23] OAC 535:15-13-7]

24.137 FDA-Mandated Medication Guides

Please be mindful when dispensing medications that require an FDA-approved medication guide to be dispensed with the medication; it is the responsibility of the pharmacy

and pharmacist to ensure that this is being done. If your computer system is providing these medication guides upon filling the medication, they must be given to the patient and

not discarded. These guides are designed to increase patient safety, and they must be utilized.



24.138 Bamboo Health Changes

The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control (OBNDD) has received calls and emails from registrants who are worried about the prescription monitoring program (PMP) and

potential changes. Bamboo Health's rollout only changes its own help desk and customer service. It should have no impact on the PMP itself or your daily use unless you interact with Bamboo Health on a daily basis.

24.139 Available Resources

OBNDD has recently released new **training guides** for the PMP. They can be accessed in the "Quick Links" section on the **PMP Dashboard** home page on the bottom right-hand side.

Additionally, on the PMP's home page, there are resources to assist

PMP users with patients who require treatment for opioid use disorder. Click on the image on the right side of the home page with the doctor's coat and stethoscope to find assistance with Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment and 988.

24.140 Disciplinary Actions

Mikayla Marshall, Technician #28016 – Case No. 1670: Guilty on two counts, including theft, while working as a registrant. **Revoked.**

Billy McLaughlin, Technician #17232 – Case No. 1680: Guilty on two counts, including theft, while working as a registrant. **Revoked.**

24.140 Disciplinary Actions

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(Impaired DPh) #19188 – Case No. 1681: Respondent’s license is indefinitely suspended until they sign a lifetime contract with Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists (OPHP), undergo a neuropsychological evaluation and comply with the recommendations, and undergo a “fit-for-duty” evaluation and comply with the recommendation. Respondent shall complete 15 hours of live CE and a substance use disorder (SUD) conference or seminar before December 31, 2024. Respondent is found guilty on two counts, including violation of any voluntary or Board-ordered rehabilitation program for the impaired conduct (eg, OPHP contract). **Fined \$7,500.**

Dylan Gaylor, Technician #23269 – Case No. 1683: Guilty on two counts, including theft, while working as a registrant. **Revoked.**

Shelly Parks, Technician #7784 – Case No. 1684: Guilty on two counts, including theft, while working as a registrant. **Revoked.**

(Impaired DPh) #18944 – Case No. 1685: Respondent’s license is indefinitely suspended until they have a “fit-for-duty” evaluation, receive support from OPHP to practice pharmacy, and have appeared before the Board, requesting reinstatement. Respondent will enter into and remain compliant with a 10-year contract with OPHP. Respondent shall complete 15 hours of live CE for the years 2024 and 2025. Respondent is required to complete an SUD conference or seminar before December 31, 2027. Respondent is found guilty on three counts, including the following: “A registrant will conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will entitle them to the respect and confidence of the community in which they practice.”

Madison Benson, Technician #29236 – Case No. 1686: Guilty on two counts, including theft, while working as a registrant. **Revoked.**

Calendar Notes

Upcoming Holiday: The Board office will be closed on September 2, 2024, for Labor Day.

Upcoming Board Meeting: The Board is scheduled to meet on September 18, 2024. All meetings begin at 8:30 AM.

New Fax Number

The Board has received a new fax number. When sending faxes to the Board office, please use 405/900-8365. Please discontinue using 405/521-3758 to send faxes.



Change of Address or Employment?

Please be diligent in keeping your information up to date and, if possible, remind your coworkers and employees. Failure to notify the Board is a violation of Oklahoma pharmacy law. All pharmacists, technicians, and interns must notify the Board in writing within 10 days of a change of address or employment. Address and employment changes can no longer be made on the online renewal system. Emailed notifications can be sent to pharmacy@pharmacy.ok.gov or faxed to 405/900-8365. License/permit numbers must be included to be accepted.

Special Notice About the Newsletter

The *Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy Newsletter* is an official method of notification to pharmacies, pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians registered by the Board. Please read them carefully. The Board encourages you to keep them for future reference.

OPHP Helps Pharmacists in Need

If you or a pharmacist you care about is suffering from chemical dependency, there is a solution. OPHP is readily available for help. Pharmacists in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana may call the OPHP helpline at 1-800/260-7574, ext 5773. All calls are confidential.

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