

# SC DEPARTMENT OF LABOR LICENSING, & REGULATION – BOARD OF PHARMACY

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## Board Elects New Officers

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, & Regulation – Board of Pharmacy!

**Archie “Artie” McKnight II, RPh,** was elected to serve as chair.

Mr McKnight represents the Seventh Congressional District and serves as the Health Systems Committee co-chair.

**Michael Bedenbaugh, PharmD, RPh,** was elected to serve as vice chair. Dr Bedenbaugh represents the

Fourth Congressional District and currently serves as the chair of the Compounding Committee.

Both will serve one-year terms in these positions, and both are entering the last year of their terms as Board members.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Terry Blackmon, RPh, for his time and dedication to the Board over the last 12 years. The Board appreciates you!

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## Welcome Ms Beverly Black, Public Member

Beverly Black, MHSA, CAE, has over 30 years of managerial experience with national and state nonprofit, health-related organizations. Currently, she is retired from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and works with

association clients as a consultant on Board training, strategic planning, effective governance, and bylaws updates and enhancement. She also worked with the Georgia Pharmacy Association’s foundation for several years.

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Additionally, Ms Black has served on state and national boards of directors in the health and certification fields. She currently serves on the boards of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) and on its foundation. She is the immediate past chair of the NCCPA board and is active in the Institute

for Credentialing Excellence. She has worked as an active member of the American Society of Association Executives' Certified Association Executive (CAE) Commission and as a mentor to individuals studying for the CAE exam.

Ms Black also enjoys volunteering in the Charleston area with a health clinic, a food bank, the Coastal

Community Foundation, and several local music venues.

She has a bachelor's degree in education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's in health administration from George Washington University in Washington, DC.



## Legislative Update

**Act 132 of 2024 (Compounding Pharmacies)**, which became effective on May 13, 2024, repeals all compounding practices found in the South Carolina Pharmacy Practice Act and instructs the Board to promulgate regulations to which pharmacists must conform to engage in the compounding of a drug. Act 132 also allows any person or entity authorized to dispense drugs to purchase or acquire drugs compounded or repackaged by an outsourcing facility without an order from a practitioner. Regulations for both compounding practices and outsourcing facilities must

be promulgated no later than November 2025. Until regulations are promulgated by the Board, compounding pharmacies shall comply with the compounding standards as outlined in the Non-Sterile Compounding Pharmacy and Sterile Compounding Pharmacy Inspection **forms** as published by the Board, unless the pharmacy is held to a higher standard of another body, such as an accrediting body. This act was signed into law by the governor on May 13, 2024. The full text of the bill can be reviewed [here](#).

**Act 221 (Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians)**, which became effective on July 2, 2024, makes several changes to the Pharmacy Practice Act, including, but not limited to, the following:

- **Testing and Reporting Practices**

Pharmacists can now initiate, order, and administer flu and COVID tests, with pharmacy technicians or interns allowed to perform the testing. However, pharmacists must interpret

the results. They are also responsible for reporting test results and referring patients to appropriate health care providers for follow-up care.

- **Supervision of Interns and Technicians**

Pharmacy interns and, now, properly trained and/or credentialed pharmacy technicians may administer vaccinations under direct supervision of a pharmacist if they are certified through a basic life support course and complete a practical training program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. To be permitted to administer, a pharmacy technician must be state-certified or non-state-certified, having received training pursuant to the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act, and registered with the Board as an authorized vaccination provider. Pharmacy technicians will also be subject to the current continuing education requirements, specifically the

completion of one hour annually on vaccine administration.

- **Vaccination Protocols**

The minimum age for administering vaccines approved by the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners as appropriate for administration by a pharmacist without a written order or prescription of a practitioner has been lowered from 18 to 16 years of age. The administrative protocols related to the influenza vaccine, both to a person 12 years of age or older and to a person younger than 12 remain unchanged. If the person receiving the vaccine is under the age of 18, the pharmacist must inform the patient and their caregiver about the importance of mental health and routine well-care visits with a pediatrician or other licensed primary care provider. A pharmacist can only administer a vaccine to a person under the age of 16 years old if a caregiver (with written parental consent), parent, or legal guardian is present and provides written

parental consent. Informed consent must be documented in writing and signed and dated by the individual, a parent, or legal guardian (if the individual is a minor), or by a designated health care agent under a health care power of attorney if the individual is incapacitated. The informed consent must include, "at a minimum," content defined and listed in the bill.

- **Board of Pharmacy Composition**

The composition of the State Board of Pharmacy was amended by adding a new member, a state-certified pharmacy technician. This new member must be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The position shall serve conterminously with the appointing governor until their successor is appointed and qualified and must be actively engaged as a certified pharmacy technician.

This act was signed into law by the governor on July 2, 2024. The full text of the bill can be reviewed [here](#).



## FDA Grants DSCSA Exemption to Small Dispensers

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is issuing **exemptions** from certain requirements of Section 582

of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to small dispensers (pharmacies) and, where applicable,

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their trading partners until November 27, 2026. This provides small dispensers with additional time to stabilize their operations to fully implement the enhanced drug distribution security requirements of the Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA).

Additionally, FDA is reminding trading partners that the DSCSA **one-year stabilization period** ends on November 27, 2024. The agency

is not extending the stabilization period beyond this date.

Trading partners that do not qualify for the small dispenser exemptions and are unable to meet the enhanced drug distribution security requirements by November 27, 2024, may request a waiver or exemption from those requirements. The agency expects the trading partner to continue its efforts to meet the

requirements until FDA has approved or denied the request.

FDA also reopened a **request for information** to better understand the status of trading partners' interoperable systems and processes for enhanced drug distribution security.

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