

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

*Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy
and Drug Law Compliance.*

District 3 Meeting Recap

By Donna Yeatman, RPh, Executive Secretary

On behalf of the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy (ALBOP), I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who attended the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® District 3 meeting in Mobile, AL. Your participation and engagement were pivotal in making the event a success. (And, we can't forget how much fun it was for everyone to commit to the Roaring '20s theme!)

We were thrilled to have such a diverse group of professionals come together to share insights, discuss key issues, and explore innovative solutions in pharmacy education and practice. Your contributions during the sessions truly enriched the experience. We hope you found the sessions to be both informative and relevant.

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ALBME Issues Declaratory Ruling for GLP-1 Medications

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners (ALBME) issued a declaratory ruling based on the ALBOP request regarding the requirements for physician compounding of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) medications. The ALBME ruling states that Alabama-licensed physicians “are required to comply with

[United States Pharmacopeia] standards when compounding GLP-1 products.” Additionally, the ruling states that “physicians must purchase prescription products and ingredients only from an entity permitted by ALBOP.” This ruling is posted on the ALBOP website.

At its September meeting, the Board of Pharmacy voted to recognize the

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Food and Drug Administration draft guidance related to the prohibition of wholesaling under Section 503B of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. The draft guidance

allows 503B outsourcing facilities to distribute compounded drugs to 503A pharmacies, provided these drugs are dispensed to patients pursuant to a prescription and

not resold. Please refer to the [full document](#) for further information and requirements.

Reminder: Pharmacist License Renewals Due Soon

As a reminder, pharmacist licenses require renewal this year. Thirty hours of continuing education (CE) (six live hours) are required for the renewal period. Carryover of CE hours is no longer allowed. Please ensure that all required hours are completed before December 31, 2024.

The Board has transitioned to a new database effective October 1,

2024. The new system and the renewal process will look different. The change requires licensees to create a new account to renew licenses, permits, and registrations. Pharmacies and facilities will **not** need to make a profile for the business itself. Instead, each store or facility will be linked to the supervising pharmacist or designated representative. If

additional access to the store or facility profile is required, the supervising pharmacist or designated representative will be required to grant further access. Please visit the Board's Facebook page or its [website](#) for video tutorials.



ADPH Issues Standing Order for Vaccine Administration

In June of this year, the state health officer with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) made a standing order available for vaccine administration. The standing order may be used as a prescription for persons 19 years of age and older to obtain any of the 18 vaccines listed. The standing order can be found on the ADPH website, as well as the Board's website. If you already have another type of standing order/agreement with a

different physician to administer vaccines in your pharmacy, please compare that to the ADPH standing order to ensure that every vaccine you administer is allowable under one of the orders. Some practitioners may have agreements with physicians who allow administration for ages under 18. Those practitioners utilizing the standing order should ensure compliance with all aspects, including age restrictions.



Policy 24-001

Pharmacist Licensure by Reciprocity

It is the Board's position that a pharmacist applicant is eligible to reciprocate to Alabama if they meet the following criteria:

- 1) The applicant holds an active pharmacist license in any state; **and**
- 2) There is confirmation of licensure by examination in any state, regardless of whether that license is currently active.

It is the Board's position that once a pharmacist has obtained licensure in

Alabama via reciprocity, maintaining licensure in any other state is not required.

Policy adopted by the Board during the business meeting on July 17, 2024.

Please note that the applicant must complete all other licensing requirements, including, but not limited to, a passing score on the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination®.

Thank you to the participants of the ALBOP Institutional Shared

Pharmacy Services Workgroup on October 29, 2024. The Board appreciates receiving feedback and continued discussion as it considers rule changes related to institutional practice and reducing red tape while improving pharmacy care for the citizens of Alabama. Please watch the ALBOP website and Facebook page for information on future meetings.

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