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25.145 FDA and the Tirzepatide Shortage

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reevaluated its determination from October 2, 2024, on the status of the tirzepatide shortage. As of December 19, 2024, FDA issued a **new decision** determining that the tirzepatide injection shortage has been resolved. FDA's determination is based on its analysis of all the information available to the agency.

- For a state-licensed pharmacy compounding, distributing, or dispensing tirzepatide injections under Section 503A

of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) within 60 calendar days from the December 19, 2024 announcement until February 18, 2025.

- For outsourcing facilities compounding, distributing, or dispensing tirzepatide injections under Section 503B of the FD&C Act within 90 calendar days from the December 19, 2024 announcement until March 19, 2025.

25.146 Veterinary Drug Authorization

After meeting with the Oklahoma State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy would like to remind registrants of the following:

Oklahoma Statutes §59-353.29.1. Veterinary prescription drugs.

A. Nothing in the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act shall prevent veterinary prescription drugs

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from being shipped directly from an Oklahoma licensed wholesaler or distributor to a client, provided such drugs may be supplied to the client only on the order of a veterinarian licensed in this state and only when a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists.

B. Drugs supplied pursuant to the provision of this section shall not be required to be certified by a pharmacist prior to being supplied by a wholesaler or distributor.

C. It shall be unlawful for a client or the client's authorized agent to acquire or use any prescription drug other than according to the label or outside of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

D. It shall be unlawful for a wholesaler or distributor licensed in this state to sell a prescription-labeled drug to a client or the client's authorized agent without a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship in place.

E. Compliance with the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act as it relates to veterinary prescription-labeled drugs shall be pursuant to rules promulgated by the Oklahoma State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and in consultation with the State Veterinarian in accordance with state law.

For the Veterinary Drug Authorization form [click here](#).



25.147 Pharmacy Prescription Records

There has been some confusion about whether a pharmacy must keep a printed copy of a faxed prescription. Please see the rules below:

Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 535:15-3-17 - Pharmacy prescription records

(a) The original prescription [as defined in 353.1] shall be maintained and readily retrievable for five years.

(b) Faxed prescriptions received in electronic format (which have not been printed) or electronically transmitted prescriptions may be

electronically stored and maintained in a readily retrievable format for five years.

(c) Prescriptions for controlled dangerous substances (CDS) must additionally meet the requirements of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBND).

[Note: DEA does not consider a faxed prescription to be an electronically transmitted one. Faxed prescriptions for CDS must be printed and maintained as original printed prescriptions.]

25.148 Written Drug Diversion Detection and Prevention

It is imperative for any policy and procedures, or other records required to comply with State Board of Pharmacy regulations, to be readily retrievable and available for Board inspection. Please review OAC 535:15-3-2 below.

OAC 535:15-3-2 - Pharmacy responsibilities

(f) Written drug diversion detection and prevention. The pharmacy, pharmacist, and/or PIC shall implement and follow a written

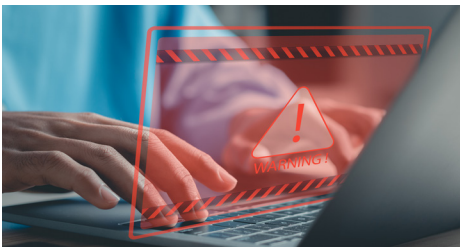
drug diversion detection policy. The policy shall be available for Board review.

25.149 Reporting a Name and/or Address Change

When notifying the Board of a change of name or address, always be sure to include your name, license number, and the information that has changed. Do not forget to include the apartment or suite number.

For a change in employment, please include the start date, along with the pharmacy license number and/or the end date of the previous employment, with the pharmacy license number.

If a registrant has been terminated for just cause, it is the responsibility of the pharmacy manager to notify the Board. Please include the reason for termination.



25.150 Spam Calls

It has come to the Board's attention that registrants, including pharmacies, have received phone calls "from the Board" requesting

payment. Please note that the Board will not call and ask for any payment.

25.151 Technician Immunization Permits

Immunization permits for technicians will not be issued without the submission of an approved training certificate of completion. This certificate must be submitted at the time of application.

Technician immunization permits do not expire; however, if the technician permit is canceled, the immunization permit is also canceled. A pharmacy technician seeking reinstatement of a technician permit must

complete and submit two hours of immunization-related, Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education-accredited continuing education (CE) to reinstate a previously issued immunization permit.

25.152 Disciplinary Actions

Mandy Windholz, Technician #26611 – Case No. 1689: Guilty on three counts, including theft, while working as a registrant. **Revoked.**

Eduardo Rodriguez Pena, Technician #31763 – Case No. 1698: Guilty on three counts, including theft, while working as a registrant. **Revoked.**

(Impaired DPh) #17665 – Case No. 1699: Respondents' license is indefinitely suspended until they receive a "fit for duty" evaluation, receive support from Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists

(OPHP) to practice pharmacy, and appear before the Board requesting reinstatement. Respondent will remain compliant with a 10-year contract with OPHP, which they voluntarily entered into. If, at any time, they are not compliant with the contract, it shall transition into a lifetime contract. Respondent shall complete 15 hours of live CE for 2025 and 2026. Respondent is required to complete an OPHP-approved "substance use disorder" conference or seminar before December 31, 2027. Respondent is found guilty on three counts,

including abuse of alcohol or habit-forming drugs, use of an illegal controlled dangerous substance, and a positive drug screen for such illegal substance or its metabolite.

Kassidy Porter, Technician #26919 – Case No. 1700: Guilty on five counts, including compounding – both sterile and nonsterile prescriptions – without a current pharmacy technician permit and documentation of training for sterile compounding. **Revoked.**

Calendar Notes

Upcoming Holidays: The Board office will be closed on February 17, 2025, for Presidents' Day and May 26, 2025, for Memorial Day.

New Fax Number

The Board has received a new fax number. When sending faxes to the Board office, please use 405/900-8365 and 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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