

# ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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## Alabama State Board of Pharmacy Updates

### Board Member Update

We extend a warm welcome to Dr Brandon Hicks, who has joined the Alabama State Board of

Pharmacy as the chain pharmacy representative. His five-year term began in January 2025.

### Leadership Changes

It is bittersweet to announce the departure of Donna Yeatman as executive secretary. She has moved on to a new opportunity, and we thank her for her dedicated service.

Chief Investigator Casey Shaw is currently serving as interim executive secretary while the Board seeks a permanent replacement.

Casey's promotion to chief investigator follows Scott Daniel's transition into his new role as licensing counsel for the Board.

Applications for executive secretary are being accepted until May 31, 2025. Please visit the Board's website for more information.

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## Licensing and System Transition

In October 2024, the Board successfully transitioned to a new licensing system. Thanks to everyone for their patience and engagement during the renewal season, which went smoothly overall.

Pharmacist licenses that have not been renewed for the 2025-2026 cycle are now inactive.

Continuing education (CE) audits are currently underway. If you received an email stating that you were randomly selected, please

upload your CE materials as soon as possible.

Pharmacy technicians must complete a Board-approved training program within six months of their initial registration.



## Legislative and Regulatory Updates

The Alabama legislative session is in full swing, and the Board is closely monitoring several bills:

- The sunset bill (House Bill (HB) 123), which determines the continuation of Board operations, is still under review. The current draft proposes expanding the Board's composition from five pharmacist members to seven pharmacists, one pharmacy technician, and one consumer member. The Board continues to monitor its progress.
- A proposed bill that would formally recognize pharmacy clerks has been tabled for now, as discussions on HB 123 take priority.

The Board has approved a rule amendment regarding off-site

order entry. The updated language is available on the Statutes & Rules section of the Board's website.

Work Groups and Stakeholder Engagement:

- Ongoing work group discussions continue for Alabama Administrative Code 680-X-2-.18 - Institutional Pharmacies, specifically focusing on centralized service models.
- A work group on remote work, addressing pharmacists performing remote product verification outside of a permitted pharmacy, was held on April 15 at 6 PM at the Board office and online.

## Clinical and Practice Updates

Because semaglutide and tirzepatide are no longer on the drug shortage list, the Board will align with Food and Drug

Administration's enforcement discretion timelines regarding these medications.

In practice news, Board staff has been communicating with the Alabama State Board of Veterinary

Medical Examiners to discuss the difference between physicians treating their family members versus veterinarians treating their

pets. While pharmacists should always use professional judgment when filling a prescription, pharmacists should also know

that it is common practice for a veterinarian to treat their pets, which differs from a physician treating their family members.



## CE and Board Meeting Credits

Pharmacists and technicians attending Board meetings – either in person or virtually – may receive live CE credit.

- Pharmacists: Up to three live CE hours per year.
- Technicians: Up to one live CE hour per year.

Instructions for submitting meeting credits are available on the Board website.

There are three upcoming live CE opportunities offered by the Alabama Department of Public Health on prescribing and dispensing controlled substances. They will take place on June 24 in Mobile, AL; July 29 in Auburn; and August 19 in Huntsville. The link will be included in the executive report that is emailed to all subscribers.

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