

# IDAHO DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

*Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy and Drug Law Compliance.*

## 2025 Legislative Update

### Agency-Sponsored Legislation

House Bill (HB) 29:

The Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL), on behalf of the Idaho Board of Pharmacy, introduced HB 29, which added 48 new substances to the **Idaho Uniform Controlled**

**Substances Act**. Each compound was independently reviewed by the Board and scheduled according to the risk associated with its prescriptive use. These changes go into effect on July 1, 2025.

Schedule	Category	Count
I	Fentanyl Derivatives (Opiates)	10
	Cannabinoids (Hallucinogens)	7
	Benzodiazepines	5
	Synthetic Stimulants (Bath Salts)	2
III	Testosterone Derivatives	23
IV	New Food and Drug Administration-Approved Drug: Zuranolone	1



Board of Pharmacy Rules:

## **Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (IDAPA) 24.36.01:**

In 2024, the Board entered the negotiated rulemaking process, proposing 35 changes approved by the Idaho Legislature. However, these approved changes are superseded by the introduction and passage of HB 200 (described below). This bill eliminates all administrative rules for the Board by moving them into statute. The authors of this bill incorporated the changes that were approved by the Idaho Legislature during the 2025 legislative session, with some minor alterations.

## **Non-Agency Legislation**

House Bill 200:

Within recent memory, the Idaho Legislature has used the Board as a testing ground to implement emerging regulatory trends, such as reducing the number of administrative rules and, when appropriate, shifting accepted standards to statute. The 2024 Legislative Session saw HB 527 codify pharmacy practice standards and prescriptive authority.

Building upon this work, HB 200 transfers the remaining pharmacy rules (IDAPA) into statute (Idaho Pharmacy Act). The authors of this bill incorporated the changes that had been proposed and approved through the negotiated rulemaking process into the statutory language. A few examples include the following:

- Eliminating the certified pharmacy technician (CPhT) registration and removing age requirements for licensure (54-1704).
- Removing the fixed requirements pertaining to continuing education (CE) by adopting a standard-of-care approach. All pharmacists are expected to complete sufficient CE germane to the practice of pharmacy to maintain their professional competence (54-1723C).
- Transitioning pharmacy intern registration to biennial renewal (54-1725).

- Allowing the Board to seek disciplinary proceedings for acts or omissions that fail to meet the standard of care provided by other licensees or registrants in the same or similar setting (54-1726).
- Amending the current next-day reporting requirements to the Idaho Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) to end of business day for all drug outlets that dispense controlled substances (CS) in or into Idaho for human patients (37-2730A).
- Requiring the reporting of any of the following within 30 days after the final action: felony or other criminal conviction, disciplinary action from another licensing authority, or surrender of a license in lieu of discipline (Idaho Code 54-1731).
- Changing requirements for CS inventory from an annual to biennial time frame to mirror federal law (54-1731C).
- Maintaining standards for pharmacist prescribing that requires a valid patient-prescriber relationship, a diagnosis, and adequate documentation of care provided (54-1734).
- Ensuring that all prescription drugs shall be dispensed in an appropriate container bearing a label in conformance with federal law (54-1736).
- Withdrawing the exemption given to compounded positron emission tomography drugs and radiopharmaceuticals. Any entity engaged in the compounding of drug products must adhere to the provisions found in 54-1765, or they will be engaged in the manufacturing of drugs (54-1765).

Both the 2024 (HB 527) and 2025 (HB 107 and HB 200) legislative sessions enshrined standard-of-care regulation, ensuring that those licensed under the Board may practice at the top of their education, training, and experience in new, innovative ways. The Board encourages all licensees to review and familiarize themselves with this new legislation and practice in a way that is commensurate with these standards.



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House Bill 286:

Beginning on July 1, 2025, the Board's composition will change. This legislation expands the Board from five to seven members, creating one additional seat for a licensed pharmacist and one seat for a CPhT. These two new positions, like all other Board members, are appointed by the governor. Individuals interested in serving on the Board may apply for appointment on the Office of the Governor's website at <https://gov.idaho.gov/appointments/>.

Please see the application for details.

The updates provided in this newsletter give a glimpse into regulatory changes that will take effect this year. The summaries found within should not take the place of reading and familiarizing oneself with Idaho law. For questions regarding the practice of pharmacy, we encourage individuals to reach out to the Board or consult with an attorney for legal counsel.

## March Board Meeting

Starting on July 1, 2025, licensure fees will be decreased by 15%. This adjustment helps the Board comply with statutory mandates to maintain a cash balance between 30% and 150% of annual operating expenses. The Board will continue to monitor its financials and adjust the licensure fees as necessary.

DOPL is transitioning all boards, committees, and commissions to a

standardized biennial renewal cycle based on birth date. The Board of Pharmacy has been selected as one of the first boards to make this transition.

- **Licensees born in odd years** – Starting July 1, 2025, renewals will shift to a two-year license.
- **Licensees born in even years** – The 2025 renewal will be for one year, with the transition to a

two-year renewal cycle starting in 2026.

Once a licensee moves to a two-year renewal, fees will adjust accordingly to reflect the extended renewal period. Additional guidance has been sent to licensees via email and is also available on the Board of Pharmacy's website.



## Remembering Mick Markuson

A pharmacy trailblazer, Richard "Mick" Markuson passed away on February 13, 2025. Mick spent 22 years as a member of the Idaho Board of Pharmacy, retiring from his position as executive director in

2007. He was dedicated not only to the practice of pharmacy but to the health and safety of the public.

During his tenure with the Board, he implemented Idaho's first collaborative practice agreements and was the

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originator of Idaho's PDMP. Mick received many awards throughout his career, including the Wyeth-Ayerst Bowl of Hygeia Award. Mick was also an active member of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy®, serving on a variety of committees, including chair of the

Task Force on Pharmacy Technicians (1993); the Committee on Law Enforcement/Legislation (1996); chair of the Task Force on the Test of Spoken English (1996); the Executive Committee (1997-2003), serving as president from 2001-2002; the MPJE Review Committee; and two

terms on the Advisory Committee on Examinations (2003-2009).

Beyond his prestigious career and many accomplishments, Mick was a well-liked and respected person. Idaho was lucky to have him as a member of the community.

## Idaho Board of Pharmacy – Wellbeing First Champion!

Mental health is a concern for many members of the population, including health care professionals. The Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation's mission is "to reduce burnout of health care professionals and safeguard their wellbeing and job satisfaction" (Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation). The foundation created the **Wellbeing First**

**Champion Challenge**, encouraging licensing boards to remove intrusive mental health questions from their applications. The DOPL Health Professions Boards have met the challenge by replacing questions regarding mental health with a general attestation of well-being. As such, The Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation has recognized the

Idaho Board of Pharmacy as one of the first Boards of Pharmacy in the United States to become a Wellbeing First Champion! The Board is excited to be recognized for such a significant achievement and looks forward to continuing to support mental health well-being in Idaho.



### Insights That Matter – Read NABP *Innovations*!

Stay informed on pharmacy regulation trends and NABP updates. Don't miss the latest issue of *Innovations*®!

## PDMP, CSR, and DEA Registration Tips

What comes first, the chicken or the egg? When a person applies to the Board for authorization to distribute, prescribe, and administer CS drugs, do you ever wonder where to start? Here is information in the order that works best for all.

The following outlines how the Idaho Controlled Substance Registration (CSR), PDMP, and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration process works (not a guarantee of issuance):

- 1) Apply for the **PDMP account**. In the **CSR# field**,

**enter "pending,"** then **verify the provided email address** through a system-generated email request.

**Note:** The PDMP account will remain pending until the CSR and DEA registrations are issued.

- 2) Submit a **Practitioner Controlled Substance Registration** application. Sign in to the **Online Services account**. On the **"More"** option page and in



# PDMP, CSR, and DEA Registration Tips

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the **License/Registration Actions box**, click on **Apply for a License/Registration/Certification**. For any questions regarding this application process, contact the Idaho Board of Pharmacy Licensing department at [HP-Licensing@dopl.idaho.gov](mailto:HP-Licensing@dopl.idaho.gov).

- 3) **Once the CSR is active**, if it has not already been issued, apply for the associated **federal DEA registration** via the DEA website or request an address change, whichever is applicable.
- 4) Proof of the DEA registration must be provided to the Board of Pharmacy Licensing team at

[HP-Licensing@dopl.idaho.gov](mailto:HP-Licensing@dopl.idaho.gov). Once the DEA number has been entered into the CSR record, the PDMP account will be activated within the next business day or two, and a system-generated email notification will be sent.

## MOUD Grant Application Ending June 2025

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to provide medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) to patients in need of treatment. More

information and the application can be found on the Board website under Resources/Forms, Forms,

**DEA Grant Application fillable form**. Applications are being accepted until June 15, 2025.

## Idaho Board of Pharmacy 2025 Meeting Schedule

The Board will meet quarterly on the following dates:

- June 18
- September 18

- December 11

All meetings start at 8:30 AM and are held at the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, 11341 W Chinden Blvd, Boise, ID 83714.

Meetings may also be attended virtually. See the meeting agenda for the link to attend virtually at <https://dopl.idaho.gov/calendar>.

**Health Professions Recovery Program**  
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses  
(208) 577-2489

**Licensure Preservation**

**Support**

**Recovery**

**Confidential**

The Health Professions Recovery Program offers professionals the opportunity to maintain licensure, return to safe and competent practice, maintain good personal health, and avoid the personal and professional risks associated with mental health and substance

**Dependency**

**Unemployment**

**Unsafe Practice**

**Shame**

# Health Professional Recovery Program

Are you working long hours and feeling burned out? Do you feel yourself going down the wrong path?

Are you ready to make changes?

You can reverse the direction you are going and get help with substance use or mental health. Idaho DOPL offers a confidential, nonpunitive program. This program was created to assist medical professionals

(doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, etc) who have or are at risk of developing an addiction. The program's purpose is to assist professionals and their families to identify substance use disorders that pose a potential threat to their careers and get them the help they need.

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If you answered yes to any of the questions above, let us help you

preserve your license and get you on the road to recovery. For further information about this program, contact Katie Stuart.

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Website: [Welcome to Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses \(idaho.gov\)](https://www.idaho.gov/divisions/occupational-and-professional-licenses)

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