ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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Alabama State Board of Pharmacy Updates

As we move into the final months of 2025, the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy has many important updates to share. From leadership changes to upcoming deadlines and exciting developments in collaborative practice, this newsletter provides a comprehensive overview of the latest Board activities.

Welcoming Our New Executive Secretary

We are pleased to announce that our new executive secretary, Jon Linna, officially began in late September. With a strong background in longterm care pharmacy and leadership, he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Board. We look forward to the direction and innovation that his new leadership will provide.

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2025 Renewal Season

It is renewal season for several licensee groups, including technicians, facilities, designated representatives, and interns/ externs. All renewals are due by December 31, 2025. To begin the renewal process, please visit our home page and click the yellow

button labeled "Login or Register Today." This will direct you to create or access your Licensure Gateway profile. Completing renewals on time is critical for ensuring there are no interruptions in practice or operations.

Licensing Department Update

There has been a recent staffing change in our licensing department. Starla Gamble, former facility licensing manager, has pursued another opportunity, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors. Tonya Linville is the new facility licensing manager. We appreciate your patience as we transition and continue to ensure that all licensing processes remain efficient and accessible.

Board Expansion Beginning January 2026

The Board is preparing for an exciting expansion. Beginning on January 1, 2026, the Board will grow from five members to nine

members, representing a broader range of pharmacy practice areas and public voices. The expanded Board will include representatives from the following categories: chain, independent, institutional, hospital, specialty, technician, academia, consumer, and at-large.

New Collaborative Practice Agreements

The Board is proud to announce the approval of two new collaborative practice agreements. One is for a clinic with a pharmacy providing HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis initiation and sexually transmitted infections

management while the other is for a community pharmacy providing test-to-treat services. These agreements expand opportunities for pharmacists to play a direct role in patient care. If interested in submitting a collaborative practice agreement, please contact Anne Marie Nolen. Her contact information can be found on the Board's website.

Recent Rule Changes

This year, the Board successfully amended six rules. See the table below for more information:

Rule	Title	Amendment	Effective Date
680-X-245	Transferring Prescriptions	Adopted to relocate Subsection (1) to a more appropriate placement within the Alabama Administrative Code for improved coherence.	September 14, 2025
680-X-215	Record-keeping Requirements	Adopted to clarify requirements for record keeping via a pharmacy computer system.	September 14, 2025
680-X-218	Institutional Pharmacies	Adopted to clarify which entities shall obtain an institutional pharmacy permit, as well as to allow for institutional pharmacies to utilize a centralized services model.	September 14, 2025

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680-X-249	Remote Work by Pharmacists	Adopted to allow for final product verification to be performed remotely outside of a permitted pharmacy, as well as to clarify the technology requirements when performing pharmacy work remotely.	November 14, 2025
680-X-214	The Role of Technicians in Pharmacies	Adopted to allow for an extension of the six-month requirement to complete technician training.	December 15, 2025
680-X-223	Drug Manufacturers; Wholesale Distributors; Private Label Distributors; Repackagers, Third-party Logistics Providers, Outsourcing Facilities; Reverse Distributors; Retail Medical Oxygen Suppliers	Adopted to set a monetary cap on designated representative late renewal fees.	December 15, 2025

Looking Ahead

The Board remains dedicated to transparency, progress, and innovation in the pharmacy profession. We encourage all licensees to stay engaged, renew promptly, and look forward to working together in 2026 as we welcome our expanded Board membership.



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