## SC DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, & REGULATION – BOARD OF PHARMACY

Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy and Drug Law Compliance.

### Reminder About Obtaining Prescription Products

The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, & Regulation – Board of Pharmacy has received reports of facilities purchasing medications, including compounded medications, from unpermitted suppliers, raising concerns for public safety. South Carolina law requires all prescription-only medications purchased for administration and/or dispensing to patients in South Carolina to be sourced from suppliers permitted by the Board.

To verify that a facility is permitted by the Board, you may search LLR's Licensee Lookup or call the Board office at 803/896-4700.

Additionally, it is a violation of state and federal law to dispense, sell, and/or administer drugs labeled "Research Use Only" for patient use. To report the dispensing, selling, or administration of drugs labeled for "Research Use Only," a complaint may be filed with the Board here.

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# Reminder of Consultant Pharmacist Duties

South Carolina law requires consultant pharmacists and individuals performing the duties of consultant pharmacists pursuant to SC Code Annotated §40-43-86(C) to comply with the following duties and responsibilities:

 Establish policies and procedures for the procurement, storage, compounding, dispensing, and distribution of drugs.

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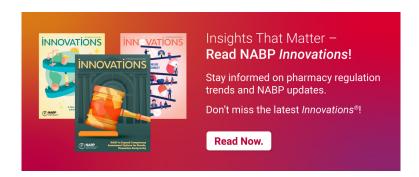
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- Establish and supervise the record-keeping system for the purchase, sale, possession, storage, safekeeping, and return of drugs.
- Facilitate drug recalls and the removal of outdated and adulterated drugs.
- Supervise all employees of the permit holder whose duties relate to the procurement, compounding, sale, distribution, and storage of drugs.
- Act as a drug information resource for staff members by bringing new and current drug information to their attention and being available by phone for questions.
- Perform written monthly inspections that are readily available. Monthly inspections must be either physically or electronically signed.

### **Upcoming Election for Fourth Congressional District Seat**

There will be an election for the Fourth Congressional District seat to fill the current vacancy on the Board, pursuant to SC Code Annotated §40-43-40. The pharmacist must be a resident of the Fourth Congressional District and licensed in good standing to practice pharmacy in South Carolina and actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy in the state. Paper ballots with instructions and deadlines will be mailed to all licensed pharmacists residing in the

Fourth Congressional District for election shortly after nominations close. Following the election, the Board will certify in writing to the governor the names of the three candidates from the Fourth Congressional District receiving the most votes in the election. The new member will take office upon appointment by the governor and confirmation by the senate.



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