

# OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

*Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy  
and Drug Law Compliance.*

## 26.173 Annual DEA Certification Required

This is a reminder that under the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act (CMEA) of 2005 (that became effective on February 1, 2009), all pharmacies selling scheduled listed chemical products (SLCPs) must complete Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA's) annual self-certification.

According to DEA:

SLCPs are defined by the [CMEA] as any product that may be marketed or distributed lawfully in the United States under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act as a nonprescription drug that contains ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine.

As part of the requirements of CMEA, an annual self-certification is required for all regulated sellers of [SLCPs]. A regulated seller must not sell SLCPs unless it has self-certified with DEA. In self-certifying, the regulated

seller is confirming [that its] employees have been trained, records of the training are being maintained, sales limits are being enforced, products are being stored behind the counter or in a locked cabinet, [and] a written or electronic logbook is being maintained.

The following links can be used for further information regarding the certification process and legal requirements:

<https://www.dea diversion.usdoj.gov/>  
[https://www.dea diversion.usdj.gov/meth/self\\_cert.html](https://www.dea diversion.usdj.gov/meth/self_cert.html)

DEA self-certification must be completed every year, must be active before any sales occur, is required for each pharmacy location that sells these products, and confirms employee training and compliance with all CMEA requirements.

Please ensure that your location's certification is current and posted in the pharmacy.

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## 26.174 Prescription Ownership

### **Oklahoma Statutes §59-354 – Ownership of Prescription – Refusal to Transfer Prescription or Supply Reference Copy**

- A. A prescription is the property of the patient for whom it is prescribed.
- B. No pharmacist shall refuse, upon request by that customer in person or through an authorized

pharmacist, to transfer a prescription to another pharmacy, or to supply a reference copy in writing or by telephone.

Transfers must be completed in a timely manner to avoid delays in patient care. When a transfer request is received from another pharmacy or entity, it should be treated as a priority.

## 26.175 Impairment or Substance Use

### **Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 535:25-9-5 - Conducting business without reasonable skill and safety:**

Conducting business in a registrant's capacity without reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness, use and/or abuse of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material, or as a result of any mental or physical condition is a violation of registrant conduct.

[Source: Added at 17 Ok Reg 2636, eff 7-1-00]

Any impairment or substance use that could compromise patient safety or the safety of the registrant must be reported to the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy, as it constitutes a violation of registration conduct. Even if the registrant has been referred to an internal program, a report should be submitted to the Board as soon as possible following the incident.

## 26.176 Registrant Theft

### **OAC 535:25-9-7 - Theft:**

Theft while working as a registrant is a violation of registrant conduct.

Theft, including that of general store merchandise and money, is a violation of the Board's rules. We encourage all pharmacists-in-charge (PICs) to share this information with their entire staff as part of their continuing education (CE).

## 26.177 Disciplinary Actions

### **Walgreens #09595 #2-7105 – Case No. 1728:**

Respondent shall reevaluate its current policy and procedure regarding the prevention of the diversion of drugs to ensure that effective controls against the diversion of drugs are in place. Respondent shall also develop a policy and procedure for ensuring that said policy and procedure is followed and maintained by the respondent and its staff. Respondent shall provide such policies and procedures to the Board prior to December 18, 2025. Walgreens Co and/or the respondent's PIC shall conduct monthly in-person checks through December 2026 of the respondent's location to ensure that all policies and procedures related to the prevention of the diversion of drugs are being followed. Respondent's PIC shall perform Schedule II counts for respondent's location once monthly through December 2026. Guilty on eight counts, including that the pharmacy, pharmacist, and PIC are responsible for supervision of all employees as they relate to the practice of pharmacy. **Fined \$24,000.**

### **Craig A. Bamford, DPh #13198 – Case No. 1729:**

Respondent shall attend a one-day, eight-hour law seminar during the years 2026 and 2027 in addition to the required 15 hours of CE for each year. All required CE in 2026 and 2027 shall be live and will include a minimum of one hour of CE focused on pharmacy management during those calendar years. Guilty on eight counts, including failure to establish and maintain effective controls against the diversion of prescription drugs and/or controlled dangerous drugs. **Fined \$12,000.**

### **(Impaired DPh), DPh #14852 – Case No. 1730:**

Respondent's license is indefinitely suspended until they have a "fit for duty" evaluation, receive support from Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists (OPHP), and appear before the Board to reinstate their license. Respondent will enter into and remain compliant with a 10-year contract with OPHP. Respondent shall attend a one-day, eight-hour law

seminar during the years 2025 and 2026 in addition to the required 15 hours of CE for each year. All required CE in 2025 and 2026 shall be live. Respondent must complete an OPHP-approved "Substance Use Disorder" conference or seminar before December 21, 2027. Guilty on 13 counts, including theft while practicing pharmacy. **Fined \$4,000.**

### **(Impaired DPh), DPh #11115 – Case No. 1733:**

Respondent's license is indefinitely suspended until they have a "fit for duty" evaluation and receive support from OPHP to reinstate their license. The executive director may approve reinstatement upon receiving information from OPHP. Respondent will enter into and remain compliant with a contract with OPHP for no less than five years. Respondent shall attend a one-day, eight-hour law seminar during the years 2026 and 2027 in addition to the required 15 hours of CE for each year. All required CE in 2026 and 2027 shall be live and will include a minimum of three hours of CE focused on pharmacy ethics during those calendar years. Guilty on three counts, including theft while practicing pharmacy. **Fined \$3,000.**

### **Raquel Bizal, Technician #28262 – Case No. 1735:**

May appear before the Board after November 18, 2027, for approval for reinstatement of permit. Respondent is assessed a fine of \$500 to be paid if she receives approval from the Board for reinstatement. Guilty on three counts, including theft while working as a registrant. **Revoked.**

### **Angela Terry, Technician #28975 – Case No. 1736:**

Guilty on four counts, including theft of controlled dangerous substances. **Permanently Revoked.**

### **Melina Najera Alvarez, Technician #31219 – Case**

**No. 1737:** May appear before the Board after November 18, 2028, for approval for reinstatement of permit. Respondent is assessed a fine of \$500 to be paid if she receives approval from the Board for reinstatement. Guilty on three counts, including theft while working as a registrant. **Revoked.**



## 26.177 Disciplinary Actions (cont)

### **Krista Gibson, Technician #27821 – Case No. 1738:**

May appear before the Board after November 18, 2027, for approval for reinstatement of permit. Respondent is assessed a fine of \$500 to be paid if she receives approval from the Board for reinstatement. Guilty on three counts, including theft while working as a registrant. **Revoked.**

### **Rose Jones, Technician #4527 – Case No. 1740:**

May appear before the Board for approval for reinstatement of her permit after the successful completion of her deferred sentence. Respondent is assessed a fine of \$1,000 to be paid if she receives approval from the Board for reinstatement. Guilty on four counts, including the applicant's responsibility to be forthright and open in the provision of information to the Board during the application process. **Revoked.**

## Calendar Notes

**Upcoming Holidays:** The Board office will be closed on January 1, 2026, for New Year's Day, January 19, 2026, for Martin Luther King, Jr Day, and February 16, 2026, for Presidents' Day.

## New Fax Number

The Board has received a new fax number. When sending faxes to the Board office, please use 405/900-8365. Please 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](mailto:pharmacy@pharmacy.ok.gov) or faxed to 405/900-8365. License/permit numbers must be included to be accepted.



# Cooking With Compliance

Submitted by Darrell Switzer

Beef Stroganoff (Serves 4-6)	
Ingredients:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 lb round steak, cut into <math>\frac{3}{4}</math>-inch cubes or strips and tenderized</li><li>• olive oil for frying</li><li>• flour for dredging</li><li>• salt and pepper</li><li>• <math>\frac{1}{3}</math> to <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> cup chopped onion</li><li>• 1 clove garlic, minced</li><li>• 8 oz fresh mushrooms, diced or one 6 oz can</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 to <math>2\frac{1}{2}</math> cups chicken broth</li><li>• 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce</li><li>• 6-8 drops Tabasco sauce</li><li>• 1 cup of heavy cream</li><li>• 1 cup of sour cream</li><li>• 1 (16 oz) pkg cooked egg noodles</li><li>• Parmesan cheese – grated</li></ul>
Instructions:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Generously salt and pepper the steak strips/cubes, then lightly coat them in flour.</li><li>2) Heat olive oil in a large skillet or Dutch oven. Brown the steak pieces on all sides. Remove the steak from the pan and set aside on a plate.</li><li>3) In the same pan, add the chopped onion, minced garlic, and mushrooms. Season with a little salt and pepper. Sauté until the onions are translucent and tender.</li><li>4) Return the browned steak to the pan. Add the Worcestershire sauce, Tabasco sauce, and enough chicken broth to cover the mixture (start with <math>1\frac{1}{2}</math> cups, keep the rest on hand).</li><li>5) Cover the pan and simmer very slowly until the meat is tender (approximately 1 hour). Check occasionally and add additional chicken broth if the liquid reduces too much.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6) While the meat finishes tenderizing, cook the egg noodles in a separate pot according to package directions. Drain well and add salt and a drizzle of olive oil.</li><li>7) Once the meat is tender, reduce heat to low. Stir in the heavy cream and sour cream. Simmer for a few minutes until heated through. <b>Do not</b> let the sauce boil once the creams are added, or it may curdle.</li><li>8) Add the cooked egg noodles directly into the skillet and toss to coat with the sauce. Transfer to a serving bowl.</li><li>9) Sprinkle generously with Parmesan cheese at the table.</li></ol>

## 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. We encourage you to keep them for future reference.

# Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists

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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