

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

*Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy
and Drug Law Compliance.*

Item 2523 – Transition to the Uniform MPJE

Effective April 1, 2026, the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy will require passage of the uniform version of the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination® (MPJE®) as a condition for pharmacist licensure and will no longer offer or require the North Carolina MPJE for all licensure applicants. For additional information regarding the new Uniform MPJE™ (UMPJE™), visit the [Examinations section](#) of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®) website.

New Graduates – As of April 1, 2026, graduates of Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education-accredited programs and Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee™-certified pharmacists pursuing licensure in the jurisdiction of North Carolina will be required to pass both the North American Pharmacist

Licensure Examination® and the UMPJE. New graduates will also be required to complete an online, on-demand educational module on North Carolina-specific pharmacy regulation as part of the UMPJE process. More information about the educational module will be available in early 2026.

License Transfer – As of April 1, 2026, licensed pharmacists seeking licensure in North Carolina will be required to pass the UMPJE and submit an [Electronic Licensure Transfer Program® application](#).

Applicants for licensure transfer will also be required to complete an online, on-demand educational module on North Carolina-specific pharmacy regulation as part of the UMPJE process. More information about the educational module will be available in early 2026.

Additional information about the transition is found [here](#).

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Item 2524 – North Carolina CSRS Has Implemented Licensed Delegate Expansion and Unlicensed Delegate Sunsetting

On November 10, 2025, the North Carolina Controlled Substance Reporting System (CSRS) launched the NC CSRS Licensed Delegate Expansion and Unlicensed Delegate Sunsetting. The implementation and transition period will continue until November 10, 2026.

This initiative was created to expand and define the licensed delegate role for the NC CSRS while providing a structured transition and sunsetting period for the unlicensed delegate role. Licensed delegates will include Registered Nurse (RN), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), Certified Pharmacy Health Technician (CPHT), Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT), Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH), Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Licensed Clinical Psychologist (LCP), Licensed

Clinical Addiction Specialist (LCAS), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC), and Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Supervisor (LCMHCS).

During the implementation period, all licensed delegates (RN, LPN, CRNA, CPHT, RVT, RDH, LPC, LCP, LCAS, LCSW, LCMHC, and LCMHCS) may register as a Prescriber Delegate – Licensed, Pharmacist Delegate – Licensed, or Veterinarian Delegate. Any individuals with an unlicensed delegate account that qualifies as a licensed delegate should contact nccsrs@dhhs.nc.gov to request transition to a licensed delegate account, including the type of licensed delegate, their credentials, and their license number. The implementation period will last for 12 months, from November 10, 2025-November 10, 2026.

Quarterly reminders will be sent during the implementation period. After November 10, 2026, all remaining unlicensed delegate accounts will be deactivated.

Informational resources about this initiative can be found on the [North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services \(DHHS\) CSRS web page](#), as well as [quick reference resources](#) for licensed delegates and supervising prescribers or dispensers.

Due to the anticipated volume of delegate requests to NC DHHS, the response time for delegate account transitions and questions may be up to four business days.

If you have any questions about this initiative, please reach out to the NC CSRS at nccsrs@dhhs.nc.gov.

Item 2525 – North Carolina DHHS Updates Rule Governing CS Return and Disposal for Long-Term Care Facility Serving Pharmacies

NC DHHS recently completed an amendment to its rule governing the return and disposal of controlled substances (CS) from

long-term care facilities. The updated rule became effective on November 1, 2025, and it provides more options for pharmacies.

The amended rule is found [here](#). Pharmacists or pharmacies with questions should contact [NC DHHS' Drug Control Unit](#).

Item 2526 – Board Member Election for Southeastern District Continues

The Board consists of six Board members (five actively licensed pharmacists and one public member). Pharmacist members of the Board are elected from five geographic areas of the state, and the public member is appointed and commissioned by the governor. Board members serve five-year terms and may serve two consecutive five-year

terms. Eligible voters include all pharmacists who are actively licensed and residing in North Carolina on October 31 of the year that the election begins. More information can be found in North Carolina General Statute §90-85.7. The Board election for the Southeastern District member position began on November 1, 2025. The winner of this election

will begin a five-year term on May 1, 2026.

Board member elections occur in conjunction with the annual license renewal period, including the late renewal period through March 1, 2026. Detailed information about the voting process, candidate biographies, and more is available [here](#).



Item 2527 – Third Annual Compounding Summit From February 24-26, 2026

The Board is pleased to announce its third annual Compounding Summit, from February 24-26, 2026, at the Friday Conference Center in Chapel Hill, NC. Come listen to great speakers talk about the implementation of

United States Pharmacopeia standards and how those standards apply in different professions.

Registration is open. The agenda, speaker biographies, and hotel information can be found [here](#).

Item 2528 – Guidance on Expanded CPP Authority

On October 1, 2025, changes to the clinical pharmacist practitioner (CPP) scope of practice enacted in Session Law 2025-37 became effective. Board staff has updated all resources in the [CPP guidance section](#) of the Board website

to reflect the changes in both CPP substantive authority and in Board staff's revised process for reviewing and approving CPP applications. Current and aspiring CPPs should review the updated resources (including general

guidance to the broadened CPP practice authority, a step-by-step guide to the revised CPP application, and edited frequently asked questions).



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