

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy and Drug Law Compliance.

Alabama State Board of Pharmacy Quarterly Newsletter Update

As we move into the next quarter, the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy remains focused on strengthening transparency, modernizing processes, and maintaining a balanced regulatory approach that supports both public

safety and the practice of pharmacy. Building on the work highlighted in our February 2026 newsletter, this update reflects continued progress, new initiatives, and several important developments for licensees and stakeholders.

Board Membership Updates

Since the last publication, the Board has officially filled all new positions to complete its inaugural nine-member Board. See below for a complete Board member composition:

Name	Office Held	Seat	Expiration
Tommy Cobb	President	Hospital	12/31/2026
Stacy Giles	Vice President	Independent	12/31/2027
Johnny Brooklere	Treasurer	At-large	12/31/2028
Brandon Hicks	Member	Chain	12/31/2029
Jeb Mitchell	Member	Specialty	12/31/2027
Alecia Booker	Member	Technician	12/31/2029
Darrelle Knight Marbury	Member	Institutional	12/31/2028
Freddie Stokes	Member	Consumer	12/31/2028
Nathan Pinner	Member	Academic	12/31/2030

New members have already begun participating in meetings and committee discussions, and we look forward to the insight and experience they bring.

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Board Meetings Now Available on YouTube

To enhance accessibility and transparency, the Board has begun recording its public meetings and making them available on YouTube. This initiative allows licensees,

stakeholders, and members of the public to stay informed about Board discussions and decisions, even if they are unable to attend meetings in person.

We encourage practitioners to take advantage of this resource. The link to view the recordings can be found by visiting www.albop.com → About Us → Board Meetings.

A Message From the PDMP

The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) team is highlighting key challenges and encouraging pharmacists to help address them. Pharmacies can expect to receive error correction requests from Vicki Walker, PDMP pharmacy compliance administrator. They should respond to these requests.

The most common submission errors the PDMP is seeing are:

- missing or invalid prescriber Drug Enforcement Administration number;
- missing patient address; and
- missing National Drug Code and quantity of the controlled substance(s) in compounds.

All pharmacists can create a PDMP account by visiting alabama.pmpaware.net. Pharmacy

management software vendors can incorporate the PDMP into their software to provide one-step access to the PDMP. A one-time setup fee may be required by the pharmacy, but the monthly fee is covered by the PDMP.

Details can be found under the PDMP page of the Alabama Department of Public Health [website](#).

Rulemaking Activity and How to Stay Involved

Below is a summary of rules that are either in or have recently completed the rulemaking process. Further details can be found on the Board's website under the Statutes & Rules page.

Rule 680-X-3-.03 – Time and Method of Payment; Renewal and Non-Disciplinary Penalty for Late Renewal of Controlled Substances Permit

This amendment is proposed to remove the administrative penalty for a late renewal of the controlled substances permit, as those provisions will be relocated to another section of the rule. The public hearing is on May 20, 2026. Comments are due to wpassmore@albop.com by end of business (EOB) on May 15, 2026.

Rule 680-X-2-.05 – Pharmacies

This repeal and replace is being proposed to incorporate definitions of community, chain, and independent pharmacy practice. The public hearing is on May 20, 2026. Comments are due to wpassmore@albop.com by EOB on May 15, 2026.

Rule 680-X-2-.37 – Continuing Education for Pharmacy Technicians

This amendment is proposed to remove the penalty provisions for a continuing education (CE) violation, as those provisions will be relocated to another section of the rule. The public hearing was on April 15, 2026, and the rule will be effective June 14, 2026.

Rule 680-X-2-.36 – Continuing Education for Pharmacists

This amendment is proposed to remove the penalty provisions for a CE violation, as those provisions will be relocated to another section of the rule. The public hearing was on April 15, 2026, and the rule will be effective June 14, 2026.

Rule 680-X-2-.23 – Drug Manufacturers; Wholesale Distributors; Private Label Distributors, Repackagers,

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Third-Party Logistics Providers, Outsourcing Facilities; Reverse Distributors; Retail Medical Oxygen Suppliers

This amendment is proposed to remove the civil penalty provisions, as they will be relocated to another section of the rule. The public hearing was on April 15, 2026, and the rule will be effective June 14, 2026.

Rule 680-X-1-.02 – Office of General Counsel

This new rule is being proposed to clarify the two divisions of the Office of General Counsel, as mandated by Act 2025-372. The public hearing was on April 15, 2026, and the rule will be effective June 14, 2026.

Rule 680-X-1-.01 – Organization

This rule is in the rulemaking process to amend the composition of the Board of Pharmacy, as mandated by Act 2025-372. The public hearing was on April 15, 2026, and the rule will be effective June 14, 2026.

Rule 680-X-A – Appendices, Appendix A: Civil Penalty Schedules

This chapter is in the rulemaking process and structures each civil penalty schedule by license/permit type. After further legal review, the Board will not be posting comments/ideas from individual Board members. The Board plans to revisit this chapter in the future.

Rule 680-X-2-.50 – Civil Penalties

This rule is in the rulemaking process and seeks to develop a civil penalty schedule, as mandated by

Act 2025-372. After further legal review, the Board will not be posting comments/ideas from individual Board members. The public hearing was on April 15, 2026, and the rule will be effective June 14, 2026.

Rule 680-X-2-.14 – The Role of Pharmacy Technicians

Amendment. Adopted without change. Effective April 13, 2026.

Rule 680-X-2-.16 – Interns and Externs

Amendment. Adopted without change. Effective April 13, 2026.

Rule 680-X-2-.23 – Fees for Facilities

Amendment. Adopted without change. The public hearing was on April 15, 2026, and the rule will be effective June 14, 2026.

Rule 680-X-2-.34 – Fees for Pharmacists

Amendment. Certification withdrawn. The public hearing was on April 15, 2026, and the rule will be effective June 14, 2026.

Rule 680-X-2-.35 – Licensing Fees for Pharmacies

Amendment. Certification withdrawn. The public hearing was on April 15, 2026, and the rule will be effective June 14, 2026.

Rule 680-X-2-.40 – Non-Disciplinary Penalties

Repeal and replace. Adopted with change. Effective April 13, 2026.

Protect Your License: Scam Calls and Suspicious Job Solicitations

The Board has received a significant increase in reports of scam phone calls involving individuals impersonating the Board. Many of these calls are now being made directly to licensees at their place of employment. Please be aware:

- The Board will not contact you by phone to request personal or sensitive information.

- The Board will never ask for payment, banking details, Social Security numbers, or license information over the phone.
- If you receive a suspicious call, do not provide any information.

Please note that your name and license number are public information available on the Board's website. However, the Board does

not publish or share licensee contact information or employment details. Some employment information may be publicly available through external sites such as the National Provider Identifier registry, which is not managed by our office. If you are unsure about the legitimacy of a call, please hang up and call our office directly.

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Board staff has also recently received reports from a few pharmacists about email solicitations and online job postings for “Inspection and Credentialing Only” responsibilities. This recruiter advertises a position for a one-time commitment to attend the “ALBOP” inspection and provision of an

active Alabama pharmacist license for credentialing applications. Pharmacists should be apprehensive about this and similar situations. A pharmacy using a professional’s credentials exposes the credential holder to liability for the actions of the operation, as there is no provision for credentials used

as a placeholder for compliance purposes.

Pharmacists should also remain aware that there are “pop-up” scam pharmacies that hire local pharmacists, bill thousands of prescriptions to third parties, and disappear overnight without ever having received inventory.

Wellness Program Spotlight

The Alabama Board of Pharmacy Wellness Program is designed to support pharmacists, interns, and technicians who may be experiencing impairment due to substance use, mental health, or other conditions. The program encourages early identification and voluntary participation, offering assistance with evaluation, treatment referrals, and a structured

path toward recovery and return to practice.

Through ongoing support and monitoring, the program helps participants safely reenter the profession while protecting public health. The program also provides education and resources to promote long-term wellness within the pharmacy community.

Licensees are encouraged to seek help early, as early intervention is key to successful recovery and continued professional practice.

For more information or to seek confidential guidance, please contact the Wellness Program through the Board office or visit the Wellness Program page on our website under the Resources tab.

Gateway Updates and Required Notifications

Please remember that updates such as changes of employment, ownership, supervising pharmacist, and related items must be submitted

through the Gateway system. Once logged in, all applicable change options should be available for selection.

As always, the Board appreciates your continued professionalism and commitment to protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Alabama.

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