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Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy and Drug Law Compliance.

As we enter the final months of 2026, the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy has several updates to share with licensees. This quarter brought a change in Board membership, and renewal season is up and running. We also want to highlight a few recent issues and reminders that may be helpful as you continue serving patients across Alabama.

Board Membership Update

The Board extends its sincere appreciation to Thomas "Tommy" Cobb for his service following the conclusion of his term on September 8, 2026, as he starts a new job in another state. We are grateful for the time, leadership, and expertise he contributed to the Board and to the pharmacy profession in Alabama.

On September 25, 2026, Lee Ann Cain was appointed to the Board to serve the remainder of Mr Cobb's term through December 31, 2026. We welcome Ms. Cain to the Board and appreciate her willingness to serve Alabama's pharmacy community.

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Renewal Season Began on October 1

Renewal season is here for pharmacists, pharmacies, facilities, and designated representatives. Renewal applications opened on October 1, 2026, and all renewals will be processed through the Board's Licensure Gateway.

Because many licensees only access the Gateway periodically, please confirm that you can successfully log in and that your account information is current. Addressing access issues before renewal deadlines can help avoid unnecessary delays.

Board Meetings Are Now Available Online and Qualify for CE

The Board is now recording its monthly business meetings and posting recordings to the Board's YouTube channel, @alabamabop, providing another way for licensees and members of the public to follow Board activity.

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians attending Board meetings live, either in person or virtually, may also qualify for live continuing education (CE) credit. Each eligible meeting provides one hour of live CE. Pharmacists may receive up to three hours annually through Board meeting attendance, while technicians may receive up to one hour annually. Participants must attend the entire meeting and complete the required CE submission process.

Recent and Upcoming Rulemaking

The Board has continued significant rulemaking activity throughout 2026, including work involving civil and nondisciplinary penalties, Board procedures, electronic signatures, institutional pharmacy practice, and licensing requirements.

New civil penalty schedules required by Act 2025-372 and amendments to Alabama Administrative Code Rule 680-X-2-.50 and 680-X-A became effective on October 15, 2026.

Additional proposed rules and amendments are proceeding through the administrative rulemaking process. Because the status of proposed rules can change between newsletter publications, licensees are encouraged to visit the Statutes & Rules section of the Board website for current proposed language, public hearing information, comment deadlines, and effective dates.

Important Scam Warning: Fraudulent Calls Impersonating the Board

The Board recently received a report of a fraudulent telephone call in which the caller claimed to represent the Board and appeared to be calling from a legitimate Board telephone number. The caller requested the licensee's license and National Provider Identifier numbers and claimed the licensee was under investigation.

These calls are not legitimate.

Telephone numbers can be "spoofed," causing a fraudulent call to appear as though it originated from the Board. The Board will not call a licensee requesting identifying information or demanding money or payment over the phone.

If you receive a questionable call claiming to be from the Board:

- Do not provide personal, professional, or financial information.
- Do not make a payment.
- End the call and contact the Board by using the contact information published on the Board's website to verify the communication.



Important Scam Warning: Fraudulent Calls Impersonating the Board *(cont)*

Licensees should also remain cautious of suspicious employment solicitations and arrangements asking pharmacists to provide their credentials for "inspection," "credentialing," or similar purposes without meaningful involvement in the pharmacy's operations. A pharmacist's professional credentials should never be used merely as a placeholder for regulatory compliance.

Patient Safety: A Reminder About Technology and Verification

A recent medication error outside Alabama provides an important opportunity for pharmacies to evaluate their own medication-use processes. In the reported event, injectable medications with similar labeling were involved, barcode verification was manually overridden, and virtual verification was performed without the pharmacist physically inspecting the prepared syringes or the source vials.

Technology can provide important safeguards, but those safeguards are effective only when they are used as intended. Pharmacies are encouraged to examine policies surrounding barcode overrides, remote or virtual verification, look-alike products, and documentation of products used in sterile preparation.

Patient safety systems should be designed so that multiple safeguards work together rather than relying on a single individual or technology to detect an error.

Compounding and Peptide Products Remain an Area of Focus

Federal and state regulators continue to focus on compounded glucagon-like peptide-1 medications and peptide products.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has raised concerns involving compounded semaglutide and tirzepatide, including confusing concentrations and dosing instructions, multidose vial quantities that may exceed appropriate use periods after first puncture, and inadequate discard instructions. Pharmacists involved in compounding or dispensing these products should carefully evaluate formulation, labeling, dosing instructions, beyond-use dating, and patient education.

Peptide compounding also continues to receive regulatory attention. In July, FDA's Pharmacy Compounding Advisory Committee considered several peptides for possible inclusion on the 503A Bulks List. A committee recommendation does not, in itself, authorize compounding; FDA must take additional action before a substance is added to the Bulks List.

Pharmacies should continue to monitor FDA guidance and ensure that compounded products meet applicable federal and state requirements.

PDMP Compliance Shows Significant Improvement

Alabama pharmacies have made substantial progress in correcting Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) submission errors. Outstanding errors decreased from approximately 78,000 to 6,900 by the end of July.

Pharmacies may continue to receive error-correction requests from the Alabama Department of Public Health PDMP Compliance Program and should respond promptly. Accurate and complete reporting improves the quality of information available to pharmacists, prescribers, and other authorized users.

Pharmacists who have not already done so are also encouraged to establish an Alabama PDMP account.

Looking Ahead

For the remainder of the year, Board hearings are scheduled for November 17 and December 15, and monthly business meetings will be on November 18 and December 16. Licensees can also follow upcoming public meetings through Alabama's Open Meetings system.

As pharmacy practice continues to evolve, the Board encourages licensees to stay connected through the Board's website, monthly Executive Secretary Reports, and Board meeting recordings.

Thank you to all Alabama pharmacy professionals for the work you do every day to serve patients across our state.



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