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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, and Regulation – Board of Pharmacy has continued to receive reports of facilities purchasing medications, including compounded medications, from unpermitted (ie, unlicensed) suppliers, raising concerns for public safety. South Carolina law requires that all prescription-only medications, including compounded preparations, purchased for administration and/or dispensing to patients in South Carolina be sourced from suppliers permitted (ie, licensed) by the Board. To verify that a facility is permitted by the Board, you may search on the Board'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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Upcoming Election for Second Congressional District Seat

There will be an election for the Second Congressional District seat on the Board, pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws Annotated §40-43-40. The pharmacist must be a resident of the Second Congressional District with a license in good standing

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to practice pharmacy in South Carolina and must be 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 Second 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 Second 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.

Board Drafting Regulations

The Board approved proposed regulations for compounding practices and collaborative practice agreements at the called meeting on October 8, 2026. These regulations were published in the *South Carolina State Register* on October 23, 2026. The Board intends to submit these to the General Assembly at the start of the next legislative session.

The notice in the *South Carolina State Register* also contains a Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity for Public Comment. Should a hearing be requested pursuant to Section 1-23-110(A)(3) of the 1976 Code of Laws, as amended, such a hearing would be conducted at the Administrative Law Court at 10 AM on December 11, 2026.

Written comments may be directed to:

Kayce Shealy, chief drug inspector and board executive,
Board of Pharmacy, South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation,
Post Office Box 11329,
Columbia, SC 29211-1289,

Comments may be submitted no later than 5 PM on November 23, 2026.

If a qualifying request pursuant to Section 1-23-110(A)(3) is not received in a timely manner, the hearing will be canceled.



Board Meeting Dates Approved for 2027

The Board will meet on the following dates in 2027:

- January 13-14
- March 17-18
- June 16-17
- September 15-16
- November 9-10

Pharmacies and Other Dispensers Invited to Join Pulse by NABP

The deadline for implementing Drug Supply Chain Security (DSCSA) requirements is quickly approaching. Small dispensers* and, where applicable, their trading partners have until November 27, 2027, to implement the DSCSA drug distribution security requirements.

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®) launched Pulse by NABP® to help members of the supply chain meet DSCSA requirements. The secure digital platform enables dispensers to communicate with trading partners and respond to regulators. Through Pulse, dispensers and their trading partners can show their Authorized Trading Partner status, share preferred contacts to streamline communication, search for state licenses and Global Location Numbers, and interact with trading partners in a trusted, secure network.

In late July, NABP invited dispensers to create their accounts in Pulse and claim their pharmacy profiles. Regulators are already using the platform to identify suspect products in the pharmacy supply chain, and several chain pharmacies have joined the platform. More information about Pulse by NABP can be found at *https://pulse.pharmacy/*.

***Food and Drug Administration** defines small dispensers as companies with 25 or fewer full-time pharmacists or qualified pharmacy technicians.

Healthy Connections Medicaid Pharmacist Enrollment

This article has been provided on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS). Any questions regarding the following information should be directed to SCDHHS.

Pharmacists who utilize South Carolina protocols to dispense vaccines, naloxone, and hormonal contraceptives without a prescription for South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid members must enroll with SCDHHS, even if they do not bill Medicaid. Pharmacists can be enrolled as full providers or for ordering, referring, and prescribing (ORP) only.

ORP-Only Enrollment

Choose ORP-only enrollment if your role is limited to ordering, referring, or prescribing and you will not serve as the billing or rendering provider for Medicaid services. This is an abbreviated enrollment application. It allows your individual National Provider Identifier (NPI) to be recognized as the ORP provider on another provider's claim, but it does not authorize reimbursement for services you provide.

To apply, select "Ordering/Referring" in the online enrollment application. ORP-only providers do not need to contract with Medicaid-managed care organizations solely for this enrollment.

Full Pharmacist Enrollment

Complete the full provider enrollment application if you will provide covered pharmacist services billed to Medicaid, including when the pharmacy submits the claim for your services. For example, pharmacists providing reimbursable hormonal contraception services must enroll as an "individual pharmacist" under the provider type of "other medical professional." ORP-only enrollment does not qualify a pharmacist to serve as the rendering provider for these services.

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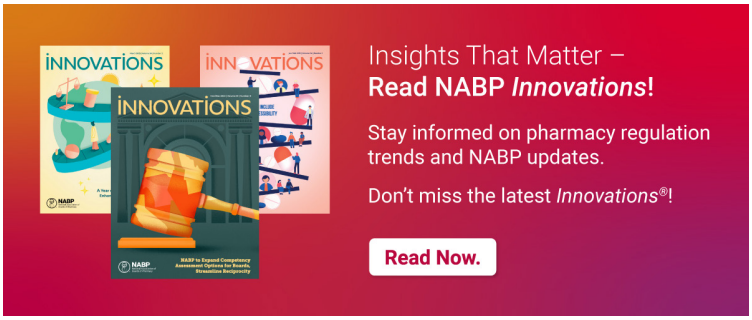
Pharmacists dispensing through South Carolina protocols do not require full enrollment. A pharmacist who is already actively enrolled in Healthy Connections Medicaid as a billing or rendering provider with an individual NPI does not need a separate ORP-only enrollment. A pharmacy's enrollment does not replace the individual pharmacist's enrollment.

Enrollment Help

Pharmacist Provider Enrollment Instructions: Visit SCDHHS' website, navigate to the "Providers" tab, click "Trainings," "Provider Training Resources," then the "Provider Enrollment Training Presentation" can be viewed under "Pharmacy Services."

ORP Provider Enrollment Instructions: Visit SCDHHS' website, find the ORP web page under the "Providers" tab, then scroll down to find the "ORP Enrollment Guidance" presentation.

For any questions about the enrollment process, please call the Provider Service Center (PSC) at 888/289-0709, option four, or submit an online inquiry. The PSC is open from 7:30 AM-5 PM, Monday-Thursday, and from 8:30 AM-5 PM on Friday.



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