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Re: Law Book Update No. 8 [total replacement of all printed pages]

Please remember that electronic copies of all our laws and rules are maintained on the Board's website, at www.pharmacy.la.gov, in the *Laws & Rules* section. Near the bottom of that web page is a single link for the entire 306-page law book file. You may access, download and print that information for free, using your own printer and paper. In the event you wish to purchase a printed copy of that file (double-sided and hole-punched paper) from the Board office, please send a written request and payment of the \$15.00 purchase price for that product (Law Book Update No. 8).

This update to the law book contains a total replacement of all printed pages. In addition, the electronic file contains extra placeholder pages denoting the intended location of the plastic tabs in the law book binder. Whether you print the file on your own paper or purchase a printed copy from the Board, the following information will help you place the pages in correct sequence with the existing tabs.

1. Remove all printed pages – but not the tabs – from the existing book, with the exception of any bulletins or newsletters you may have accumulated.
2. Insert the new update packet into the law book binder.
3. Using the Table of Contents as a guide, locate the intended destination of the tabs, and then replace the placeholder sheets with the tabs.

New Laws – Acts of 2014 Legislature

- Act 40 added new drugs to Schedule II, III, and IV in the state list of controlled substances.
- Act 43 added one opiate and 14 synthetic cannabinoids to Schedule I of the state list of controlled substances.
- Act 176 added a new section to the state controlled substance law that restricts the sale of non-prescription dextromethorphan products to persons at least 18 years of age.
- Act 253 added a new section to the state controlled substance law that authorizes first responders to obtain naloxone and then carry for emergency administration to patients experiencing opioid-related drug overdose.
- Act 265 repealed a section of the controlled substance law relative to drug-free zones.
- Act 289 amended the drug-free zone controlled substance law to provide enhanced criminal sentences in certain situations.
- Act 368 increased the maximum term of imprisonment for possession of heroin to 99 years.
- Act 397 re-scheduled carisoprodol from Schedule IV to Schedule II in the state list of controlled substances.
- Act 472 amended the frequency of reporting prescription transactions to the PMP database, now requiring such reports no later than the end of the next business day after the date of dispensing.
- Act 512 repealed the drug traffic loitering provision of the controlled substance law.
- Act 714 amended the pain management licensing law to remove certain exemptions.
- Act 769 amended the pharmacy immunization law to expand the number of immunizations that may be administered without a prescription or medical order.
- Act 865 amended the controlled substance law to:
 - Reduce the expiration date of prescriptions for all Schedule II medications to 90 days;
 - Require the prescriber of any controlled substance listed in Schedule II for the treatment of non-cancer related chronic or intractable pain to access the patient's history in the PMP before issuing the initial prescription for that drug to that patient; and
 - Impose a ten-day supply limit on pharmacies dispensing prescriptions for opioid derivatives in either Schedule II or Schedule III when the prescriber is not licensed by the State of Louisiana, and further, prohibits any further dispensing of that drug to that patient when prescribed by that same prescriber for 60 days after dispensing 10-day supply.

New Rules – Regulatory Projects from the Board

Regulatory Project 2014-1 ~ PMP Delegates [Chapter 29]

- Amends the PMP rules to allow prescribers and dispensers to appoint delegates for the purpose of assisting them in accessing and retrieving information from the PMP database.

Regulatory Project 2014-2 ~ Veterinarian Exclusion from PMP [Chapter 29]

- As required by 2013 legislation, the PMP rules were amended to exclude veterinarians from the PMP. They are not required to report their dispensing transactions, do not pay the annual fee, and do not have access to the program database.

Regulatory Project 2014-3 ~ Pharmacy Records [Chapters 11, 12, and 15]

- Substantially updates and re-organizes the rules for pharmacy records. Introduces the concept of positive identification and requires positive ID (as opposed to simple ID) for certain types of pharmacy records.
- Recognizes the opportunities for certain pharmacies to convert all of their records to electronic records and sets standards for those recordkeeping systems.
- Extends the impact to certain types of records in Automated Medication Systems as well as hospital pharmacies.

Regulatory Project 2014-4 ~ Pharmacy Compounding [Chapter 25]

- Updates the compounding rules to require compliance with the relevant USP chapters (795 for non-sterile and 797 for sterile), as well as compliance with the new federal compounding law – which removes “compounding for office use” from pharmacies.

Regulatory Project 2014-5 ~ Prescriptions [Chapter 25]

- Establishes a minimum set of data fields for prescriptions.
- Removes the requirement for supervising physician contact information on prescription forms used by non-physicians.

Regulatory Project 2014-6 ~ Special Event Pharmacy Permit [Chapter 24]

- Authorizes the Board to issue a new type of pharmacy permit for limited periods of time, for use by medical missions and other types of special events.