LOUISIANA BOARD OF PHARMACY

Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy and Drug Law Compliance.

Upcoming Credential Renewals (25-04-797)

The renewal cycle for all certified pharmacy technician (CPT), automated medication system (AMS), and emergency drug kit (EDK) credentials is May 1 through June 30. Please check your email regularly during the last week of April for your renewal notice. Accounts that do not have an email address on file should expect to

receive a paper renewal notice by mail the first week of May. Any address change received after April 25, 2025, may not be reflected in the renewal mailing.

Any CPT, AMS, and EDK credentials not renewed by midnight on June 30, 2025, will expire.

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Impersonation Scam (25-04-798)

The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy would like to warn all its credential holders of fraudsters impersonating Board staff and demanding sensitive information or payment. The impostors are not just identifying themselves as Board staff; they are also using Board phone numbers as caller ID. Scam tactics may include using

an urgent and aggressive tone, threatening arrest, referencing National Provider Identifier numbers and/or state license numbers, and more. Please keep in mind that the Board will not contact you by telephone and demand payment of funds for any reason.

Rulemaking Activity of the Board – How to Follow Progress (25-04-799)

The progress of the Board's regulatory and legislative activity can be monitored on the Rulemaking Activity section of its website. There you will find links to the Regulatory Proposals, Regulatory Projects, and Legislative Proposals pages.

The Regulatory Proposals web page contains items developed by the Board's Regulation Revision Committee for submission to the full Board. The status of each proposal is recorded on this web page. In the event that the Board approves a proposal for rulemaking, the proposal is converted to a regulatory project.

The Regulatory Projects web page contains items that began as proposals and have been approved by the Board to start the rulemaking process. The status of each project in the rulemaking process is recorded here.

The Legislative Proposals web page contains items developed by the Board's Regulation Revision Committee for submission to the full Board. The status of each proposal is recorded on this page. Board approval is required to authorize the filing of legislative proposals. The progress of legislative measures may be monitored on the legislative website.

Spotlight on Compliance (25-04-800)

Employment and Address Notifications

Pharmacists, pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician candidates holding a credential with the Board are required to notify the Board within 10 days of a change of address or employment.

Updates to a credentialed individual's address or place of employment shall be completed using the online portal feature on the Board's website at www.pharmacy.la.gov. Select "Login" on the top right side of the screen and log in to your account. Choose "Online Services." Under "Activities," select "Employment Change," then navigate to "Account" and select "Change Address." When updating an address or employment, complete all required information. The last page gives the option to "Finish," not just "Save & Close." If "Save & Close" is selected, the information will not be submitted and updated.

The pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) of a pharmacy should periodically review the list of current employees for the respective permit for accuracy. The list of current employees can be found by using the Verify function of the Board's website. There is no need to log in to verify a credential. Search for the pharmacy and select "Details" beside the credential. The list of current employees can be found with these details. If individuals need to be removed from the list, the PIC may request their removal by using the online portal for the pharmacy. The PIC may not add individuals to the list

When first obtaining their credentials, pharmacy technician candidates must notify the Board of their place of employment. This is not automatically assigned when the candidate applies for their credential.

When a pharmacy technician candidate applies for and is issued a CPT credential, their place of employment must be submitted for the new credential. The same is true when a pharmacy intern applies for and is issued a pharmacist license. Even if the place of employment for the individual does not



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change, it is not transferred from one credential to another. Each credential requires its own notification of employment.

Notification of changes to an address or employment is a personal responsibility that accompanies the credential issued by the Board. Licensees are encouraged to be familiar with all regulations that affect their practice to remain in compliance. Laws and regulations are available under the Resources tab on the Board website at www.pharmacy.la.gov.

Disciplinary and Other Licensure Actions (25-04-801)

During its February 19, 2025 meeting, the Board acted in the following matters:

Paula Dupre Michot Cannon (PST.018113): For her accountability as PIC of Walgreen Pharmacy #11830 regarding several incidents involving patients receiving the wrong medications, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$500 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Walgreen Louisiana Co, Inc, dba Walgreen Pharmacy No. 15199 (New Orleans, LA) (PHY.002125): For its failure to notify the Board of a change in PIC within 30 days of the prior PIC's departure date, the Board assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Vernance Patrice Collins-Burnett (PST.015203): For her accountability as PIC of Clinicfast Pharmacy regarding improper record keeping, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, ordered that any future application from the licensee to serve as PIC shall be referred to a committee of the Board for consideration; and further, assessed administrative and investigative costs.

Darvis Keon Harvey (PST.018760): For his role at Clinicfast Pharmacy regarding improper record keeping, the Board placed on his license a prohibition from ownership and a prohibition from holding the PIC position for any Louisiana-permitted pharmacy, subject to a term; and further, assessed a fine of \$6,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Jasmin Selene Dangerfield (CPT.017867): For her failure to report an adverse action as part of her pharmacy technician application, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$250 plus administrative costs.

MixMyRx Ventures, LLC, dba MixMyRx (Orlando, FL) (PHY.008616): For its failure to report a March 2024 disciplinary action by the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy as part of its application for the renewal of its Louisiana pharmacy permit for 2025, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative costs.

Disciplinary and Other Licensure Actions (25-04-801) (cont)

D'Shay Nicole Watson (CPT.016726): For an alleged diversion of controlled substances, the Board revoked her credential; and further, prohibited her from applying or reapplying to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy.

Pankajkumar Damodar Patel (PST.022312): For his failure to report a December 2022 Board order issued by the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy as part of his 2025 reinstatement application for his Louisiana pharmacist license, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus administrative costs.

Pharmacy Partners of Texas, LLC, dba Advanced Pharmacy (Stafford, TX) (PHY.007430): For its failure to report a February 2024 disciplinary action by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy as part of its application for the renewal of its Louisiana pharmacy permit for 2025, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative costs.

Hill Derm Pharmacy, Inc, dba Hill Derm Pharmacy (Sanford, FL) (PHY.008069): For its failure to report a September 2024 disciplinary action by the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy as part of its application for the renewal of its Louisiana pharmacy permit for 2025, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative costs.

Corey Allen Sorrel (PST.016005): For his failure to report a July 2024 Board order issued by the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy as part of his 2025 renewal application for his Louisiana pharmacist license, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus administrative costs.

Evan Keylon Cleaver (PST.024704): For his failure to report a July 2024 Board order issued by the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy as part of his 2025 renewal application for his Louisiana pharmacist license, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus administrative costs.

Hamilton Pharmacy and Medical Company, Inc, dba Alexander's Twin Pharmacy (Hamilton, NJ) (PHY.008475): For its failure to report a March 2024 disciplinary action by the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy as part of its application for the renewal of its Louisiana pharmacy permit for 2025, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative costs.

Matthew John Guarisco (PST.014303): The Board granted a modification of a previous order by removing Article 2-e, regarding the PIC restriction, imposed from his February 5, 2020 Probation Board Order.



Calendar Notes (25-04-802)

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2025. The Board office will be closed on April 18 for Good Friday, May 26 for Memorial Day, and July 4 for Independence Day.

Special Note (25-04-803)

The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy Newsletter is considered an official method of notification to pharmacies, pharmacists, pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician candidates credentialed by the Board. **These Newsletters will be used in administrative hearings as proof of notification.** Please read them carefully. Electronic copies dating back to 1998 are posted on the Board's website.

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