

# LOUISIANA BOARD OF PHARMACY

*Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy  
and Drug Law Compliance.*

## Rulemaking Activity (25-07-804)

The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy completed the rulemaking process for Regulatory Project 2025-01 – Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) Requirements with the publication of the final rule in the June 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, with an immediate effective date. The amended rule reduces the minimum experience requirement for a pharmacist to qualify as a PIC from two years to one year of active pharmacy practice. The amended rule also expands the responsibility for the supervision, management, and regulatory compliance of the entire prescription department to include both the PIC and the owner of the pharmacy permit.

The Board completed the rulemaking process for Regulatory Project 2025-02 – Marijuana Pharmacy with the publication of the final rule in the May 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, with an immediate effective date. This project repealed Chapter 24, Subchapter E of the Board's rules relative to marijuana pharmacy regulations, pursuant

to Act 693 of the 2024 regular session of the legislature, which transferred regulatory authority for therapeutic marijuana from the Board of Pharmacy to the Louisiana Department of Health.

The Board completed the rulemaking process for Regulatory Project 2025-04 – Emergency Drug Kit (EDK) Permit with the publication of the final rule in the June 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, with an immediate effective date. The amended rule removes the requirement for the administrator of the applicant facility to sign the application for the EDK permit and requires the online permit verification to be readily retrievable, as the Board no longer issues paper permits.

The Board distributed email notices regarding the progress of these regulatory projects in addition to maintaining the information on the [Regulatory Projects](#) page of the Board's website. Please refer to this page to view the status and details of all projects.

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## Spotlight on Compliance (25-07-805)

Pharmacists often question whether a mailing address is sufficient for a patient's profile in the pharmacy information system. The regulations specify that the patient's residential address should be documented in their data record. In addition to documenting a residential address, the pharmacist could also collect the mailing address.

Regulations mandate that the pharmacy's patient profile system shall provide for the immediate retrieval of information regarding patients who receive prescriptions from the pharmacy. For required patient profile information, please review Louisiana Administrative

Code (LAC) 46, Section 1123, Subsection L of the Board's regulations.

A complete patient profile and drug therapy record are critical for a pharmacist performing a prospective drug utilization review (DUR). A pharmacist is required to perform a prospective DUR for each prescription presented for dispensing. For a listing of potential situations that must be recognized while performing a prospective DUR, please review LAC 46, Section 515 of the Board's regulations.

Laws and regulations are available on the Board's website under the Resources tab.



## Pharmacist Responsibility (25-07-806)

If you are the PIC of a pharmacy, it is your responsibility to ensure that all personnel you allow to perform professional functions in your pharmacy are properly credentialed with an active and current credential. If you are a staff pharmacist or a relief pharmacist, it is your responsibility to ensure that all personnel you allow to assist you in the pharmacy are properly credentialed with an active and current credential. Remember, you may verify the status of any credential on the Board's [website](#).

## PMP Guidance (25-07-807)

The Board's compliance officers have been conducting on-site audits of pharmacy prescription records. The audits are being conducted to ensure complete and accurate reporting to the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). As a result of audit findings, the following guidance has been developed.

For controlled substance prescriptions, the prescriber's Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration number is a required element of the prescription and must be reported to the PMP. It is of the utmost

importance that pharmacists do not use a fake or invalid prescriber DEA registration number or National Provider Identifier (NPI) number on any prescription transaction; only use accurate information.

For non-controlled substance prescriptions that are considered drugs of concern (eg, gabapentin), and for those that the prescriber does not possess a DEA registration number, the DEA field in the pharmacy information system should be left unfilled and the prescriber NPI field should be reported. If the prescriber

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is a veterinarian who does not possess a DEA registration number or NPI number (veterinarians are ineligible to obtain NPI numbers), both fields should be left unfilled. The veterinarian's numerical license number from the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine should be entered in the prescriber's state license number field, and the transaction should be reported.

For prescriptions where the prescriber uses a hospital's DEA registration number, in conformance with 21 Code of Federal Regulations 1301.22(c), the hospital's DEA registration number, with the prescriber's hospital-assigned suffix and the prescriber's name, must be reported to the PMP.



## Disciplinary and Other Licensure Actions (25-07-808)

During its May 7, 2025 meeting, the Board acted in the following matters:

**Parker's Pharmacy, LLC, dba Parker's Pharmacy (Baton Rouge, LA) (PHY.007561):** For improper closure of a pharmacy, failure to transfer prescription records, and illegal possession of controlled and non-controlled substances after improper closure, the Board permanently revoked the credential without opportunity for reinstatement.

**Orlando Jermaine Palmer (PST.020086):** For his accountability as PIC and owner of Parker's Pharmacy (PHY.007561) regarding improper closure of the pharmacy, failure to transfer prescription records, and illegal possession of controlled and non-controlled substances after improper closure, the Board imposed a restriction upon him from having ownership of any Louisiana-permitted pharmacy; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

**Melissa Richard Stevens (PST.015141):** For her accountability as PIC in failing to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable pharmacy practice regarding the repackaging of sterile preparations, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

**Smith Health, Inc (PBM.000040):** For providing services as a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) in Louisiana prior to being credentialed, the Board assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

**Alius Health, LLC (PBM.000043):** For providing services as a PBM in Louisiana prior to being credentialed, the Board assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

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**FairosRx, LLC (PBM.000044):** For providing services as a PBM in Louisiana prior to being credentialed, the Board assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

**AnazaoHealth Corporation (Las Vegas, NV) (PHY.007228):** For dispensing 126 prescriptions into Louisiana from January 1 to September 3, 2024, with an expired Louisiana nonresident pharmacy permit, the Board assessed a fine of \$15,000 plus administrative costs.

**Marla DeLouise Gibbens (PST.013867):** In lieu of immediate administrative action on a pending matter, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the credential, resulting in the active suspension of the license for an indefinite period commencing on April 9, 2025.

**Janasia Ty'Reon Schuster (CPT.018066):** 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.

**Peter Duff Fleck (PST.022605):** For his failure to report a December 2024 Board order issued by the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy as part of his Louisiana pharmacist license renewal application for 2025, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus administrative costs.

**Gwendolyn Hines Everage (PST.010404):** For her failure to report an August 2024 Board order issued by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy as part of her Louisiana pharmacist license renewal application for 2025, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus administrative costs.

**Kevin Trenouth Kellow (PST.019095):** The Board suspended his license for 10 years, beginning on May 7, 2025, and terminating on May 7, 2035, suspended the suspension, then placed his credential on probation for the period of the suspension, subject to certain conditions enumerated within the voluntary consent agreement.

**Carly Kristin Bordelon (PST.020209):** The Board suspended her license for five years, beginning on May 7, 2025, and terminating on May 7, 2030, suspended the suspension, then placed her credential on probation for the period of the suspension, subject to certain conditions enumerated within the voluntary consent agreement.

**Cody Lane Guitreau (PST.022345):** The Board suspended his license for five years, beginning on May 7, 2025, and terminating on May 7, 2030, suspended the suspension, then placed his credential on probation for the period of the suspension, subject to certain conditions enumerated within the voluntary consent agreement.

**Scotty Paul Broussard (PST.015681):** The Board granted his request by removing all probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Board order issued on January 25, 2017, and restored the license to an active and unrestricted status.

**Patience Viator Bergeron (PST.019238):** The Board granted her request by removing all probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Board order issued on May 26, 2021, and restored the license to an active and unrestricted status.

**Kristian Raymond Hahn (PST.016625):** The Board granted a request for the modification of a previous order by removing the prohibition from holding the PIC position imposed from his February 5, 2020 Probation Board Order.




## Calendar Notes (25-07-809)

Upcoming Holidays: The Board office will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day and September 1 for Labor Day.

Upcoming Board Meeting: The next regular quarterly meeting of the Board and some of its committees is tentatively scheduled for August 19-20, 2025. Upcoming events can be found on the home page of the Board's website.

## Special Note (25-07-810)

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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