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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PHARMACY

MS BOP UPDATES

New Website Coming Soon!

Be on the lookout for a new and improved website. This project has been months in the making, and we expect it to go live by the end of the year! We can't wait for you to see the new site.

Thank You!

We want to thank those who have attended Board meetings over the last year for your patience and willingness to attend meetings in different places as we navigated the obstacles placed before us by COVID. Attendance at those meetings has been wonderful, and it's always great to see pharmacists involved in advancing and protecting the profession.

PMP Reporting Update



Changes are coming regarding OTC Pseudoephedrine sales beginning on January 1, 2022. **Be on the lookout for a letter from APPRISS with instructions on registering for the NPLeX account.** (The copy of our letter can be found [HERE](#).) In the meantime- please visit [NPLeX Retail Portal Video](#) for a training session on how to set up your account.

If you have any questions concerning the registration or the use of the NPLeX system, please get in touch with NPLeX Support at 833-755-2129 or NPLeXSupport@appriss.com

Changing your password just got easier with the MSPMP. When you log in to your account, you can add your mobile phone number to your profile. This will allow you to request a verification code to your mobile phone to reset your password. Requesting the link via email is still available as well. Should you need any assistance adding your mobile phone number, please contact us at msmpassist@mbp.ms.gov.

Reporting of controlled substances II-V and gabapentin are required every 24 hours. Should you need assistance with your reporting account for the MSPMP, please get in touch with 1-855-567-4767 and ask to speak to the clearinghouse.

Always call or email with any questions msmpassist@mbp.ms.gov 601-899-0138 or visit our website at www.pmp.mbp.ms.gov

ALL THINGS LICENSING

Renewals Are Open!

The portal is open for the December 31st renewal period. Renewal email notices are being sent out via the system. The system will periodically send reminders until the renewal is completed. PICs may also renew their pharmacy's permit by logging into their personal profile. If you don't see your permit listed, please call the licensing division. Keep an eye out for the email renewal reminder(s) as well as social media updates. For online renewal assistance, contact our Licensing Division at (601) 899-8880.



WE'VE GONE GREEN!

All applications, renewals, address changes, PIC/DR changes, name changes, etc., are now submitted through the [Licensing Gateway](#). Changes that require additional documentation may now be uploaded into your [gateway portal](#).



Because of our new licensing system, we have fully GONE GREEN!

Our staff is ready to assist you should there be any problems, but please be patient. We receive numerous phone calls and emails daily and will respond as soon as possible. Please consider renewing your license as soon as the portal opens on your gateway to ease the backlog of licenses during the renewal period.

Pharmacist Fill Up

The continuing education requirement is as follows:

- Fifteen (15) hours are required for each licensure period. At least two (2) hours of continuing education received each year must be related to opioid abuse and prevention or other drugs of abuse or addiction-related issues. The Board has waived the live requirement for the year.

Tech Bite

- At this time the Board has relaxed the requirement for national certification for pharmacy technicians for board registration. However, this does not supersede employment requirements.
- Upon issuance of your Mississippi pharmacy technician registration, you will need to register with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (www.nabp.pharmacy) at no charge to you. You will be assigned a NABP number.

Facility Highlight

Duplicate copies of permits may be downloaded via the portal at any time by logging into the system. Each user (submitter, pharmacist in charge, person in charge, or designated representative) only needs one (1) profile. In the past, the permit holder had to set up more than one profile to manage the facility's permit(s); but this is **NO LONGER** the case.

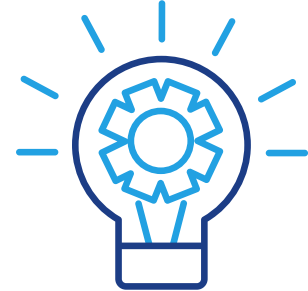
DON'T FORGET

We will be phasing out wallet cards and will no longer be mailing out decals during license renewal season at the end of the year. You can print your wallet cards from your Gateway profile.

Student Sidebar Chatter

The Student Extern/Intern Controlled Substance Registration expires six months from the prospective graduation date. Register with the Gateway to access your registration. Upon issuance of your Mississippi pharmacy intern/extern student registration, you will need to register with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (www.nabp.pharmacy) at no charge to you. You will be assigned a NABP number.





Compliance Updates

New Single Page DEA 222 Form Registration

Effective October 30, 2021, the DEA is implementing a new single-sheet format for the DEA Form 222. Registrants utilizing paper order forms will need to request the new single sheet forms. Additionally, purchasers must copy the original Form 222 for their records before forwarding the original to the supplier. Any remaining triplicate DEA 222 Forms may be destroyed onsite.

FDA Revises Hospital and Health System Compounding Guidance

The FDA states that to preserve access to compounded drugs, they are revising their draft guidance to, among other things, remove the one-mile radius provision. They are proposing a two-part compliance policy. The policy describes circumstances under which the agency generally does not intend to take action against a hospital or health system pharmacy that is not an outsourcing facility that compounds and distributes a drug without first receiving a valid prescription or order for an individual patient. These circumstances included that compounded drugs are administered only to patients within the hospital or health system, and the drugs are used or discarded within 24 hours of leaving the pharmacy. Be advised that these guidelines are only intended as an outline for the FDA's intention to take action. They do not necessarily replace other regulatory or USP concerns. Feel free to reach out to Board staff or agents to obtain feedback on any specific situation in your practice.

The draft guidance can be found [here](#).

Comment Period for Proposed Revisions to USP 795 and USP 797

Proposed revisions to USP Compounding General Chapters are available for an extended public comment period until January 31, 2022. Click [here](#) to review the proposed updates.

Pharmacist CE Requirement

For this licensing period, you must have 15 hours of CE with at least two (2) hours related to opioid abuse and prevention or some other drug of abuse or addiction related issue. All CE's must be obtained after 1/1/2021. Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, the Board waived the requirement for two (2) hours of live CE for 2021.

PLC Renewal Reminder

When you renew your facility permit, please take a moment and review your current employee list. Please remove any employees that no longer work at your location by clicking the editing gear on the far right of the page. You can then change their status to "PAST". Encourage any new employees not showing up on your list to add their employment with your facility to their profile.

	Current Employees	Past Employees	Current Own/Off	Past Own/Off
Position	Record Status	Is Admin		
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Forgery and Controlled Substance Tips

1. We encourage you to verify any promethazine with codeine prescriptions due to the rise in forgeries.
2. Be sure to verify that out-of-state doctors have a MS license if they are providing telehealth services in MS. [MS Medical Board Licensee Search](#)
3. Notify the Board immediately of any burglary or suspected controlled substance loss. Do not terminate any employee for controlled substance issues prior to notifying the Board to allow for an unencumbered investigation.

Mix-ups Between the Influenza (Flu) Vaccine and COVID-19 Vaccines

[Read here](#) for the NAN ALERT regarding the mix-ups between the Flu and Covid-19 vaccines.



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Spotlight *on* Pharmacy Benefit Managers

HOW TO FILE A PBM APPEAL COMPLAINT:

- For undercost reimbursements, follow the appeal procedure for the specific PBM.
- KEEP ALL DOCUMENTATION AND NOTES ON COMMUNICATIONS.
 - Mississippi Law requires specific action by a PBM both when an appeal is approved and when it is denied.
 - You can download the specific law from the BOP website in the PHARMACY PROMPT PAY ACT.
- If the law is not followed, you may file a complaint with the BOP.
- Download the PBM Complaint form from the Board of Pharmacy website. (A completed complaint form is required.)
- Complete the form and sign it. Please complete ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED.
- If the complaint is from a patient, please assist the patient in completing the form and ask them to sign it.
- Provide a narrative describing the specifics of the complaint.
- Provide your direct contact information so that we may reach out to you with any questions.
- Attach all documentation to the complaint –
 - All appeal documentation, including the PBM response to your appeal.
 - A copy of your invoice from your wholesaler.
 - A 'print screen' of the transaction from your system.
 - The BIN / PCN number used in the transaction.
 - Other information may be needed. We will communicate with you on any additional items or clarification needed.
 - The insurance provider or funding entity. (Private commercial, Medicare, TriCare, Self-funded (ERISA), etc.
- Scan and email the complaint to sparker@mbp.ms.gov. Hard copies are not required.

The complaint will be reviewed upon receipt by this office. I will reach out to you to discuss the complaint and request any further documents or clarification needed. When all necessary documentation is received, the complaint will be sent to the Board of Pharmacy Investigative Review Committee (IRC). The IRC will direct the next step(s) in our response to the complaint.

MAC appeals are transaction-specific. All the information above is necessary to document the complaint. The above documentation will be used in any action taken by the Board.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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