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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PHARMACY

FAQ-

PSE-EPH Products

Q: Are PSE/EPH products still controlled substances?

A: Yes, these are still controlled substances. As such, they are still counted in your controlled substance inventory. When filled with a valid prescription, the information needed for tracking will still be reported to PMP and still be retrievable from your controlled substance records. When these products are sold OTC, it is tracked through the NPLEX system. ALL sales of PSE/EPH products are tracked in one manner or another either through PMP (prescription sales) OR NPLEX (OTC sales).

Q: Can I place PSE/EPH products on my regular OTC stock shelves?

A: No, although PSE/EPH products can be sold from behind the counter without a prescription, these products are still considered controlled substances while in your inventory.

Q: What are the age requirements for purchasing PSE/EPH without a prescription?

A: The age requirement is 18 years old or older.

Q: Is there a limit on how much PSE/EPH can be purchased?

A: Yes, the limits are 3.6 grams per day and 7.2 grams per 30 days. Valid prescriptions received for PSE/EPH products are not subject to these limits.

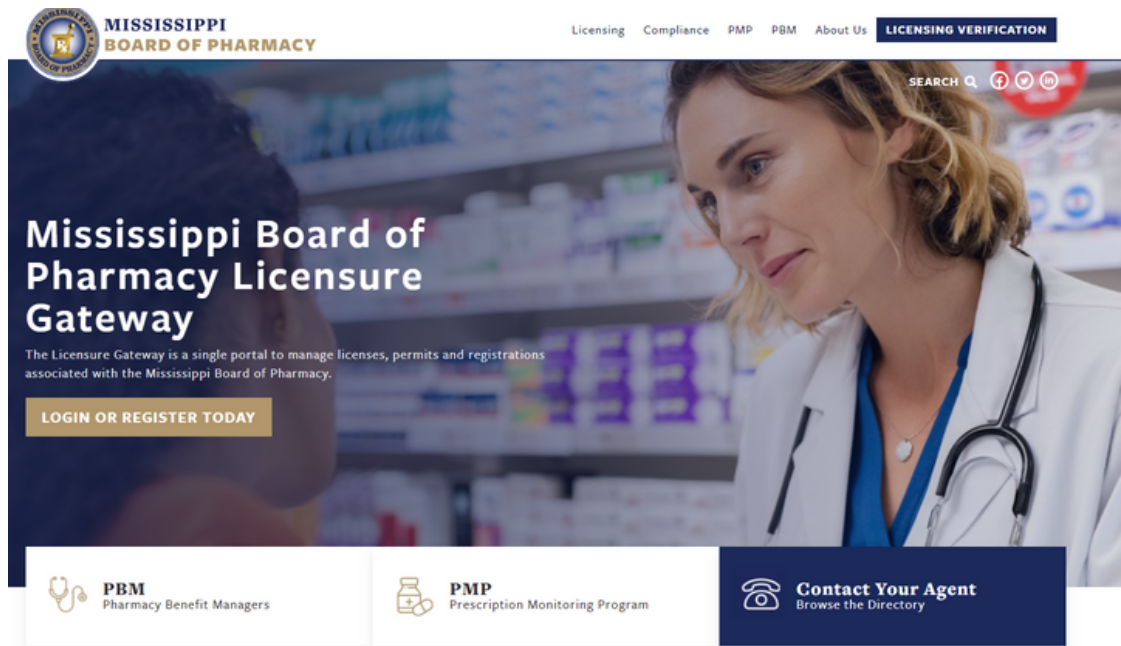
Q: What is the approved electronic tracking system for OTC sales of PSE/EPH products?

A: NPLeX (National Precursor Log Exchange) is the approved system and provides real-time PSE electronic tracking. (Link to BOP website: [NPLeX Communication October 2021](#)).

Q: If a patient does not have a valid driver's license, what other forms of ID are accepted for PSE/EPH sales?

A: Purchaser must provide their own valid, unsuspended driver's license or non-driver identification card issued by this state or another state, or a US Uniformed Services Privilege and Identification Card, or a US or foreign passport.

MS BOP UPDATES



NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!

Our new and improved [website](#) launched on January 7. This website was designed to be easily used and navigated. Updates and changes are coming daily. Please take advantage of the search feature at the top of the home page to help you navigate through the site. We hope you like the update!

January Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will be held on January 20, 2022, at the Hilton Jackson located at 1001 E County Line Road, Jackson, MS 39211. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

PMP Update



Changing your password just got easier with the MSPMP. When you log in to your account, you can add your personal 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. As a reminder to pharmacies that are eligible for a waiver of reporting to the MSPMP, paper versions are not accepted. PMP waivers are done electronically.

Reporting of controlled substances II-V and gabapentin are required every 24 hours. This includes zero reporting. All controlled substances II-V are to be reported with a valid DEA number. Should you need assistance with your reporting account for the MSPMP, please call 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

Pharmacy Technician Renewals Open

The portal is open for the pharmacy technician renewal period. Renewal email notices are being sent out via the system. The system will periodically send reminders until the renewal is completed. These renewals must be completed by March 31st, or they will be subject to a late fee. 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

Pharmacist license renewals received after January 1st will be assessed a late fee. Additionally, we no longer send wallet cards or stickers. To obtain a wallet card, you may log into your Gateway profile, download the card, and print if desired.

DON'T FORGET

We have phased out wallet cards and will no longer be mailing out decals. You can print your wallet cards from your Gateway profile.

Tech Bite

- 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 an NABP number.
- 2022 renewal season will open on January 3rd and end on March 31st. Please renew early.

Facility Highlight

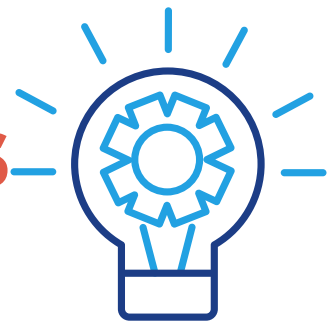
- Permit renewals received after December 31st will be assessed a late fee.
- Duplicate copies of permits may be downloaded via the portal at any time by logging into the system. Each user (submitter, pharmacist in charge, person in charge, or designated representative) only needs one (1) profile. In 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.

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 an NABP number.



Compliance Updates



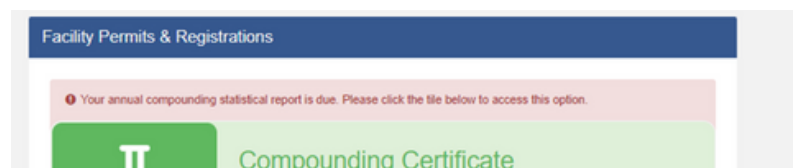
Don't Forget!

Don't forget to submit your Compounding Statistical Report no later than January 31, 2022! This report must be filed with the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy each year for every pharmacy that has a compounding certificate. Compounding data submitted will cover January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The form can be found in the Gateway Portal- see below for instructions.

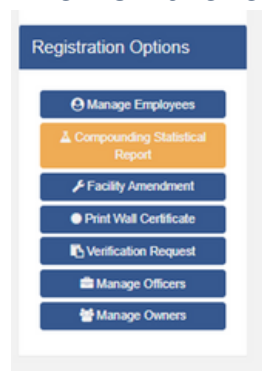
Pathway to Upload your Compounding Statistical Report (DUE January 31, 2022)

- Only for Sterile Compounds. If you only compound non-sterile, report zero.
- Only applicable if you have a compounding certificate.

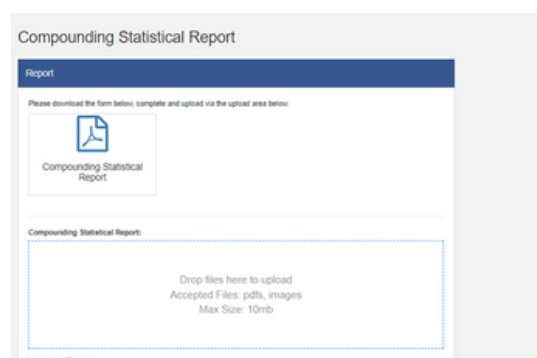
Go to the Gateway and click on the green tile of your compounding certificate



Then on the left hand of the screen, click “Compounding Statistical Report”



Download the template and then Upload your completed Statistical Report



Drug Utilization Reviews- The Pharmacist's Role

Drug Utilization Review or DUR is important in making sure medications are prescribed, dispensed, and used safely. DUR should take place across all pharmacy practice settings.

There are three categories of drug utilization review:

- Prospective – evaluation of a patient's drug therapy before medication is dispensed
- Concurrent – ongoing monitoring of drug therapy throughout the course of treatment
- Retrospective – review of drug therapy after the patient has received the medication

DUR Can Help Address Potential Issues Such As:

- Clinical abuse/misuse
- Drug-disease contraindications (when a prescribed drug should not be used with certain diseases)
- Drug dosage modification or incorrect drug dosage
- Drug-drug interactions (when two or more different drugs interact and alter their intended effects, often causing adverse events)
- Drug-patient precautions (due to age, allergies, gender, pregnancy, etc.)
- Formulary substitutions (e.g., therapeutic interchange, generic substitution)
- Inappropriate duration of drug treatment
- Therapeutic appropriateness and/or duplication

Pharmacists play a vital role in drug utilization reviews to ensure safe medication usage. Pharmacists interact with patients and other health care team members to address any potential issues during drug utilization reviews. Having pharmacists involved to help monitor medication prescribing and usage, educate patients and health care providers, and identify opportunities for improvement in patient care is invaluable. Know that the work you are doing makes a difference!

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.

Forgery and Controlled Substance Tips

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



Spotlight *on* Pharmacy Benefit Managers

Staff Update!

Steve Parker retired from the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy on December 31, 2021. Should you need any assistance with PBM-related issues, our staff is here to help! Please email pbmadmin@mbp.ms.gov for assistance.

Stay Connected

