

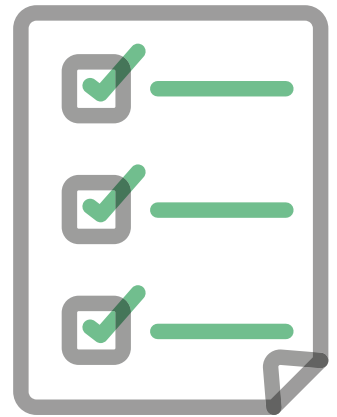


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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PHARMACY

MS BOP UPDATES

Thank you all for checking your email and social media for messages from the Board of Pharmacy regarding COVID-19 procedures. We hope this communication has helped answer your questions throughout this ongoing situation. For more information and to stay up-to-date on any changes please continue to visit our website. We have set up a COVID-19 tab that houses all information we are sharing and we will continue to update as things change. If there is anything you would like for us to potentially add that will aid in your practice, please email Charlene at cwilliamsembp.ms.gov or Susan at smccoy@mbp.ms.gov.



AGREEMENT TIME!



Each year all users are presented with an Annual Appriss End User License Agreement within your MS PMP Aware account. Users have received an email notification with details. This requires you to log into your account and complete a check box list. After accepting the terms, users are prompted to complete the agreement on an annual basis. Should you need your profile updated, simply send the new information in an email. You can also send your store DEA number to add to your profile for the RX Management Feature for error corrections. For guidance on error corrections and to help make sure your errors are being corrected, please email pmpcompliance@mbp.ms.gov.

Please be sure to check your dashboard and email for any announcements that may be sent through the MSPMP. As always, please call or email with any questions.

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ALL THINGS LICENSING

Pharmacist Fill Up

- Proof of continued education only needs to be submitted to our office when you are notified of an audit.

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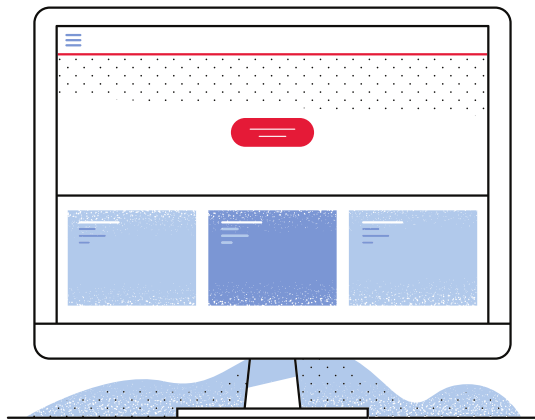
- The Pharmacy Technician registration is the only license type allowed to fully function and perform technician duties while in a "PENDING" status.

Facility Highlight

- Duplicate copies of permits may be downloaded via the portal at any time by logging into the system.

Changes to Your Contact Information?

To ensure that you are informed of any news from the Board, please update your contact information, specifically your current email address. To make changes to your contact information, you will need to complete an Amendment Form For License or Registration which can be found [here](#) and mail or fax to 601-899-8851. You can also email the form to licensing@mbp.ms.gov.



F.A.Q

Visit the Frequent Asked Questions section of our website www.mbp.ms.gov to take advantage of a great resource for locating answers to questions and issues you may encounter. If you are unable to find an answer to a question that you have, please feel free to contact us via email at licensing@mbp.ms.gov.

Stay Up-to-Date

Don't be left out! Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for news, updates, and information related to Pharmacy.

Student Sidebar Chatter

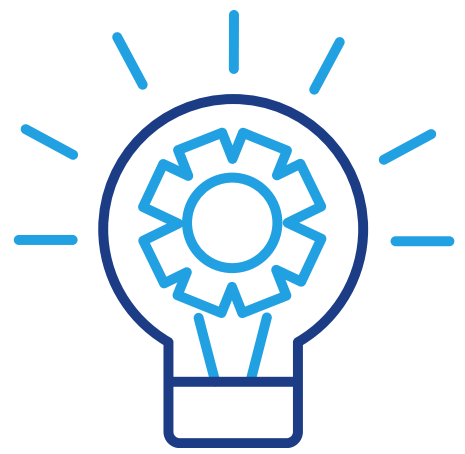
The Student Extern/Intern Controlled Substance Registration expiration date is six (6) months from the prospective graduation date.

ThoughtSpan

ThoughtSpan, the vendor selected to create a new licensing system for the Board, has begun working on our system. We anticipate this all inclusive platform to allow the user more control pertaining to applications, modifications to records, submission of documents, and many more capabilities available online. This will minimize the requirement of hard copy documents that the end user will need to submit manually to our office. Even transactions such as pharmacist-in-charge changes, designated representative changes, address changes for facility and individuals, employment/employee modifications, and so much more will be handled online. We look forward to keeping you updated as we navigate through this process.



Compliance Updates



LIVE Continuing Education Suspended for 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board has suspended the LIVE Continuing Education requirement for pharmacists in 2020. Pharmacists, upon request, will still be required to submit evidence of a total of 15 hours CE with five (5) of the hours related to opioid abuse and prevention, or some other drug of abuse or an addiction-related issue.

Annual Controlled Substance Inventory

Additionally, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board granted an extension of the annual controlled substance inventory requirement until July 1, 2020, for all permitted facilities that are required to take an annual inventory of all controlled substances on hand on or about May 1 but no later than May 15. Pharmacies that routinely conduct the annual inventory on a different date are expected to conduct the inventory during that same period this year.

P-I-C Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the PIC to verify that all pharmacists and pharmacy technicians have an active license or registration. For your convenience, you may visit the license verification tab on our website at www.mbp.ms.gov. Additionally, The pharmacist in charge is responsible for assuring that all pharmacy permits are current and appropriate for the type of pharmacy operation being conducted. (Article VII 1.A)

Loss Reporting

Any **loss** or **suspected loss** of controlled substances must be reported directly to the office of the Board by telephone (601-889-8880) **immediately** upon discovery. Within forty-eight hours of the discovery of the loss, a complete inventory of controlled substances shall be made. This inventory must be dated and signed by the pharmacist-in-charge. Within fifteen days of discovery of the loss, a written report shall be forwarded to the office of the Board. This written report shall include a copy of the controlled substance inventory.

Is Your Information Up-to-Date?

Be sure that the Board has your current email address. Prescriber notifications and forgery alerts are sent out to keep pharmacists informed. This information is also posted on our website.

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Spotlight *on* Pharmacy Benefit Managers

By: Steve Parker, PBM Administrator /Deputy Director, Mississippi Board of Pharmacy

House Bill 708 and Pharmacy Practice Act:

Recently, both House Bill 708 and the Pharmacy Practice Act were passed and signed by Gov. Reeves.

Below Costs Reimbursements:

This is a reminder of the Mississippi statute passed by the legislature in 2016. There seems to have been some confusion voiced by both pharmacists and patients. Below is the actual Statute followed by the Regulation:

Mississippi Code § 73-21-155 5., b.:

b. The State Board of Pharmacy shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement and ensure compliance with this subsection, including, but not limited to, rules and regulations that address access to pharmacy services in rural or under served areas in cases where a network pharmacy or pharmacist declines to provide a drug or service under paragraph (a) of this subsection. The board shall promulgate the rules and regulations required by this paragraph (b) not later than October 1, 2016.

Board of Pharmacy Regulation - Article VIII/Responsibility of Pharmacist/Pharmacist Care 4., F.:

F. A pharmacist may refuse to fill a prescription for a variety of reasons outlined within these regulations. Additionally, a pharmacist may decline to fill or refill prescription or provide a service when the costs of providing those products or services exceed the reimbursement obtained from a third-party payer. If a pharmacist declines to fill a prescription or provide a service because the costs associated with supplying the product or service exceeds the reimbursement for the product or service, he/she shall provide the patient with a list of pharmacies in the area that may provide the product or service.