

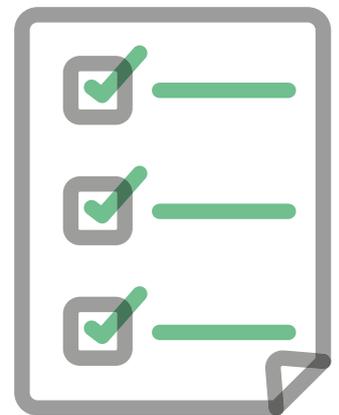


THE SCRIPT

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 cwilliams@mbp.ms.gov or Susan at smccoy@mbp.ms.gov.



Integration with the MSPMP to your pharmacy dispensing system is the fastest way to check the PMP. If you are interested in connecting your software to the MSPMP, please reach out and we can provide you with the contact information. If your software is already integrated and you have any questions, please send us an email. Pharmacy students who already have an account as a pharmacist's delegate in the MSPMP do not need to register for an account again when you receive your pharmacist's license. Just send us an email and we will adjust your current account. Should you need your profile updated, simply send the new information in an email. You can also send us your store DEA number to add to your profile for the RX Management feature for error corrections. 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. mppassist@mbp.ms.gov / 601.899.0138



ALL THINGS LICENSING

Pharmacist Fill Up

- Don't forget! Pharmacists need **15 continuing education hours each year**. Five opioid or abuse hours, and two hours of live. However, due to Covid, the Board has lifted the live requirement for 2020.

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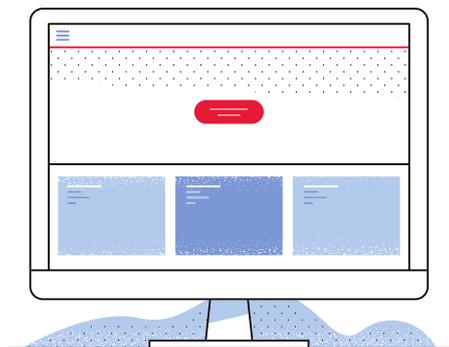
- Pharmacy Technicians' first-time renewing **MUST** be nationally certified in order to be allowed to renew his/her pharmacy technician registration.

Facility Highlight

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

Renewal Notices

We will send renewal notices later than usual this year due to the updated licensing system. Be sure to keep an eye out for your reminders on social media and via email. Expect these electronic notices late September through early October. If you are not receiving emails from the Board of Pharmacy, please reach out to licensing@mbp.ms.gov or call our office at 601-899-8880.



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

In the previous edition, we revealed the details regarding our new licensing system. The PORTAL to the new licensing system will be opened October 1, 2020. Please keep an eye out for email updates, and more information in addition to instructions on how to create a profile (one time only) will be sent soon. The set up process will only take two to three-minutes of your time. We will be providing a tutorial should you have any questions. We will keep you posted to ensure that the transition is smooth for all of us. We are confident that you will be as excited about the capabilities and updates as we are.



Are You in Compliance?



Is This Permitted?

All wholesalers, 3PLs, reverse distributors and other pharmacies utilized by a pharmacy for purchase or return of legend drugs or controlled substances must be permitted by the Board of Pharmacy. Please verify that any of these facilities have an active permit. This may be accomplished on our website www.mbp.ms.gov under License Verification.

Compounding

A pharmacy that engages in compounding must obtain a Compounding Certificate. If a facility has a compounding certificate, the compliance agent will conduct an inspection for USP 795/797 as indicated on the application. A compounding statistical report shall be submitted by every pharmacy that engages in compounding on or about January 31 of each year. An example of the report is located on the website. Submission and more details of the report are forthcoming.

P-I-C Responsibilities

When a pharmacist-in-charge is terminated or relinquishes the responsibilities of the pharmacist-in-charge, he/she must return the pharmacy permit to the office of the Board with written notice that he/she is no longer the pharmacist-in-charge at that facility with the effective date of the change and a complete inventory of controlled substances performed at the time of the change. If the outgoing pharmacist-in-charge cannot or does not properly inform the Board of the change, the responsibility of notification shall be that of the incoming pharmacist-in-charge. When the Board is notified by the outgoing PIC that he/she no longer wishes to be PIC, an application for a new PIC must be made to the Board within 10 days. This applies to all pharmacy permits.

Diversion Issues

Diversion continues to be an issue in pharmacies, community and institutional. If controlled substances are suspected missing, please quietly search the areas and paperwork. Do not announce to the entire staff that medications are missing. Contact the Board of Pharmacy immediately upon discovery of a loss or suspected loss of controlled substances. We will assist with an investigation to determine the circumstances of the loss. The PIC is responsible for the security maintained on drugs in all areas of the permitted facility. Institutional facilities have numerous areas where controlled substances are stocked outside the pharmacy. These areas should be audited and any variance should be investigated immediately. When reports are generated from the automated systems located around the institutional facility, the reports should be reconciled for all controlled substance activity daily, such as doses pulled vs doses administered, reconciliation of waste, or any other discrepancy.

Do not forget to report any burglary or attempted burglary as soon as possible to the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics and the Board of Pharmacy. The first call in case of a burglary or an attempted burglary should be the local police or sheriff department.

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

Most of you should know the Mississippi legislature passed and Governor Reeves signed HB 708 this year.

The bill effects the 'Prompt Pay Act' with changes going into effect on January 1, 2020. By the end of calendar year 2020 all Mississippi licensed pharmacists and PBMs will be receiving information highlighting these changes and how it may affect pharmacies and patients. We will do all we can to bring updated information on these important issues through direct contact on our website.

Steering

We have recently received complaints of PBMs 'STEERING' patients to their PBM owned pharmacies. Many times, this includes a PBM's non-renewal or denial of a pharmacy joining a network or the renewal of a network contract. If you are experiencing these issues we would like to know.

Please provide, by email, documentation of the specific issue to sparker@mbp.ms.gov. Our oversight relating to network contracting is limited, but we need to know to what level this is occurring in Mississippi.

SCOTUS

After a pandemic-related delay, we know now when *Rutledge v. Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA)* will have its day in court. Oral arguments in the case will be heard on October 6, 2020. Rulings typically come several months after oral arguments. It is still unknown whether arguments will be held in person or virtually.