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MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PHARMACY

APhA Well-Being Index Survey

Check out the Well-Being Index to:

- Assess your current level of well-being.
- See how your well-being compares to other pharmacy professionals.
- Track changes in your well-being over time.
- Gain access to resources to promote your well-being and address a variety of concerns.

[Click here](#) to create an account and complete the survey. Each state board receives monthly composite scores reflecting well-being and the workplace environment.

May Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will be held on May 11, 2022 and May 12, 2022, at the Board of Pharmacy office located at 6360 I-55 North, Suite 400, Jackson, MS 39211. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on May 11 and at 9:00 am on May 12. May 11th meeting will only address rescheduled March cases.

PMP Update



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. Please notify the MS PMP directly in the event your permit is set to inactive or closed. Also, please notify the MSPMP directly should your pharmacy have a change of DEA number.

When logging in to your PMP account, you are now able to 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 mspmpassist@mbp.ms.gov.

Reporting of controlled substances II-V and gabapentin is 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 contact 1-855-567-4767 and ask to speak to the clearinghouse.

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

ALL THINGS LICENSING

Pharmacy Technician Renewals Now Past Due

The portal remains open for any pharmacy technician who did not renew in the renewal period. Renewal email notices are being sent out via the system until the renewal is completed. A late fee will be assessed on all renewals completed after March 31st. 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 with online system support and questions. We respond to phone calls and emails daily in the order that they are received. Please consider renewing as soon as the portal opens to ensure ease of renewal.



Pharmacist Fill Up

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.

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.

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.



A graphic featuring a yellow spotlight beam shining from the top left corner onto the title. A red dotted line with arrowheads at both ends runs horizontally across the top of the page. The title is centered and reads "Spotlight on Pharmacy Benefit Managers".

Spotlight on Pharmacy Benefit Managers

FTC Repeats Call for PBM Comments: Due April 25

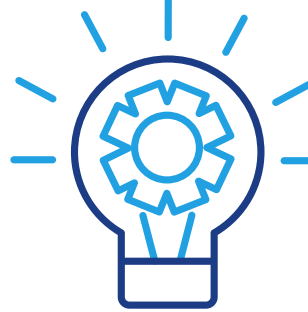
The staff of the Federal Trade Commission is inviting public comments about the practices of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) and their impact on patients, physicians, employers, independent and chain pharmacies, and other businesses across the pharmaceutical distribution system. FTC staff is studying a wide array of PBM business practices and issues, including but not limited to the following:

- The impact of PBM rebates and fees on net drug prices to patients, employers, and other payers.
- The impact of PBM rebates and fees on formulary design and patients' ability to access prescribed medications without endangering their health, creating unnecessary delay, or imposing administrative burdens for patients or prescribers.
- Whether patients are being forced to substitute different prescription drugs to maximize PBM rebates and fees.
- PBMs' use of potentially unfair, deceptive, or anticompetitive contract terms and all related practices when calculating pharmacy reimbursements and disbursements, including the use of Average Wholesale Price, Wholesale Acquisition Cost, Maximum Allowable Cost, and Usual and Customary Pricing as well all types of claw backs, fees, discounts, and performance metrics, such as Direct and Indirect Renumeration, Generic Effective Rate, Brand Effective Rate, Dispense Fee Effective Rate and all other similar provisions.
- PBMs' use of other potentially unfair, deceptive, or anticompetitive practices, including audit provisions; pharmacy network design and exclusions; use of gag clauses, confidentiality clauses, and non-disparagement clauses; and other potentially unfair provisions.
- PBMs' use of methods to steer patients away from unaffiliated pharmacies and methods of distribution and toward PBM-affiliated specialty, mail-order, and retail pharmacies.
- PBMs' policies and practices related to specialty drugs and pharmacies, including criteria for designating specialty drugs, reimbursements to specialty pharmacies, practices for encouraging the use of PBM-affiliated specialty pharmacies, and practices relating to dispensing high-cost specialty drugs over alternatives.
- Potential conflicts of interest and anticompetitive effects arising from horizontal and vertical consolidation of PBMs with insurance companies, specialty pharmacies, and providers.

Staff encourages members of the public to comment on any issues or concerns they believe are relevant or appropriate for our consideration and to submit written data, views, facts, and opinions addressing this subject, including but not limited to the issues posed above. Comments are published on the [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) website. Please do not include any sensitive or confidential information.

[CLICK HERE TO LEAVE A COMMENT](#)

Compliance Updates



Annual Inventory Reminder

Per [Article XXV](#), every facility permitted by the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy shall take an annual inventory of all controlled substances on hand between May 1 and May 15. A facility may conduct the inventory at another date as long as it is conducted during the same period each year. Remember to include ALL pseudoephedrine and ephedrine in the inventory even if it will be sold via the NPLEX pathway. If this inventory will be used to satisfy your DEA biennial inventory, you must designate it accordingly.

Annual CE Requirements and Audit

Each year, a random CE Audit is performed for all pharmacists that renewed during the prior licensing period. Notification of these audits will now occur via email. Documentation of CE hours are uploaded directly to the licensing portal for review.

Continuing Education Reminders:

- 15 hours of CE are required upon renewal and must be obtained between January 1st and December 31st of that year
- 2 hours of CE must be related to opioid abuse and prevention or some other drug of abuse or addiction related issue
- 2 hours of CE must be obtained via live seminar ****Not waived for December 2022 Renewal****

Staff Verification

- Technician Renewal ended on 3/31/22. Ensure that all of your technician staff has an active registration status.
- Pending technicians who are only awaiting background clearance receive a **one time** 90 day pending period that allows them to work at their employer's discretion. Employees that do not reflect active or pending are not able to train in a pharmacy.

Does Your 503B Outsourcer Measure Up?

Many hospital pharmacies purchase compounded sterile preparations from 503B outsourcing facilities. These facilities are registered with and inspected by FDA and in many states their Board of Pharmacy. Click [here](#) to review an article that can help you evaluate 503B outsourcing facilities. Recent FDA updates can be viewed [here](#).

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