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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PHARMACY

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Our next regularly scheduled board meetings will be held on:

- May 28, 2026
- July 9, 2026
- September 17, 2026
- November 19, 2026
- January 21, 2027
- March 18, 2027
- May 20, 2027

at the Board of Pharmacy's office located at 6311 Ridgewood Road, Suite E 401 Jackson, MS. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

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CE OPPORTUNITY

- Registration is still open for the Mississippi Chapter of NADDI's 2026 Training Conference—don't miss this opportunity to gain practical insights and valuable continuing education in the fight against drug diversion.

A returning highlight of the conference is the annual agency roundtable, where attendees can engage directly with leaders from public health, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and professional licensing boards.

Already registered? Submit your questions in advance to help shape the discussion:

<https://forms.office.com/r/CAH9x3nTSn>

CE Highlights (Why You Should Register Now):

Up to 6 hours of Continuing Education

Approved CE:

- Pharmacists - Up to 6 hours of Mississippi Board of Pharmacy-approved CE (meets live and controlled substance requirements; not ACPE-reported)

Focused education on real-world drug diversion trends, investigations, and best practices

April 23, 2026 | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Brandon Civic Center, Brandon, MS

Secure your spot today: [2026 NADDI of Mississippi Training Conference](#)

THE FAX MACHINE'S LONG GOODBYE CONTINUES

Fax machines are a fixture in community pharmacies, but their role and usage continue to decline. A [new CMS rule](#) will phase out faxing electronic documentation for certain billing claims. While [pharmacy-related transactions are not expected to be affected](#), the rule further reduces the use of the fax machine in healthcare.



PMP CLEARINGHOUSE

If your facility's reporting of controlled substances is being sent to the PMP clearinghouse automatically by your pharmacy software vendor, please ensure you have access to the email address used for the submitter account. A report of the day's submissions will be sent to that email address daily. This notifies the pharmacy if they have rejections, errors, or warnings that need to be addressed. All errors or rejections in the MSPMP database are **required** to be corrected. It is pertinent to have access to the daily PMP submission reports to identify errors or if your submissions were not sent successfully. Please refer to the [Data Submission Guide](#) should you need assistance making these corrections.

REPORTING TO THE PMP

Controlled substance prescriptions sent to the MSPMP database without a valid DEA number will receive a rejection. Drugs of concern are required to be reported. The current drug of concern in Mississippi is gabapentin. When reporting gabapentin, **DO NOT USE A FALSE DEA NUMBER**. Please use the provider's valid DEA number. For gabapentin prescriptions from a provider that does not hold a DEA registration, use their NPI number. Should the prescription be from a veterinarian that does not have a DEA registration, please use that veterinarian's state issued license number.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Earn 1 Hour of Free ACPE Credit!

Developed with the National Association of State Controlled Substance Authorities and 12 prescription monitoring programs.

Learn how data entry impacts PMP data, clinical decisions, and downstream analysis.

Available until October 20, 2026.

VIEW CE: [TALEM HEALTH CE PROGRAM](#)

REMINDER

DIVERSION REPORTING

- Any suspicion of diversion should be reported promptly.
- Unsure where to report? Contact MS PMP directly for guidance.

PMP REPORT REQUESTS

- Individuals must contact MS PMP directly for their PMP reports.
- Do not share PMP reports with anyone.

PERMIT & DEA UPDATES

Notify MS PMP if:

- Your permit becomes inactive or closed
- Your pharmacy has a change of DEA number
- This ensures your pharmacy's reporting remains accurate and compliant.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MS PMP:
MSPMPASSIST@MBP.MS.GOV | 601-899-0138
WWW.PMP.MBP.MS.GOV



IMPORTANT RENEWAL REMINDERS:

- The portal is opening for the Medical Equipment Supplier Permit Renewals on April 15, 2026. Any renewals submitted after June 30, 2026 deadline permits will be EXPIRED.
- If you do not wish to renew and/or need to close a facility permit, please log into the Gateway and submit a permit closure request.
- **Important Note:** Any renewal applications remaining in pending status after 06/30/2026 are not complete. Facilities may not operate under an expired permit.

LICENSING ESSENTIALS

- Gateway Access
 - Mobile users must scroll to view all application options. Some options may not appear immediately on phones or tablets.
 - Review the entire menu before submitting an application to avoid errors.
- Profile Updates
 - Name changes: Submit a request and upload required documentation.
 - Employment & address changes: Update directly in Gateway.
- Security
 - Each user must have their own Gateway profile.
 - Usernames and passwords must not be shared.
- Help
 - Licensing Division: (601) 899-8880 or Licensing@mbp.ms.gov

CONTACT INFORMATION REQUIREMENT:

Each facility record must list at least two email addresses, one for the PIC/DR and one for an administrative contact. This ensures that all renewal notices, change application notifications, and other correspondence are received by the facility, even if the PIC/DR position becomes vacant.

NABP PROFILE REMINDER
CREATE A FREE PROFILE AT WWW.NABP.PHARMACY
REPORT YOUR E-PROFILE ID TO LICENSING@MBP.MS.GOV

QUICK LINKS / CONTACT
LICENSING WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.MBP.MS.GOV/LICENSING](https://WWW.MBP.MS.GOV/LICENSING)
LICENSING DIVISION: (601) 899-8880

ALL THINGS LICENSING



To enhance our service and provide easy access to vital information, items listed below have been relocated to our website for your convenience. This move ensures you always have the most current information at your fingertips.

PHARMACIST FILL UP

- Wallet card – download from Gateway profile; print if desired.
- Duplicate wall certificate – \$25 fee; request via Gateway.

TECH BITE

- Only technicians with active registrations may work in the dispensing area.
- Check the licensing verification portal to confirm status.

STUDENT SIDEBAR

Student Intern/Extern Updates

- Student intern/extern controlled substance registration cards **expire 1 year from anticipated graduation**; contact Licensing if your date is off.
- Withdrawn students: notify the Board immediately – registrations become inactive. Student Intern/Extern registrations become inactive upon withdrawal. Should you wish to apply for a pharmacy technician registration, you will be required to petition the Board for permission.

FACILITY HIGHLIGHT

- **The new distinct license category of “Medical Device Establishment” was created for entities that solely manufacture or distribute medical devices. If a facility is involved in distribution of both devices and drugs, they should not pursue the “Medical Device Establishment” pathway.**
- Please note:
 - [73-21-105\(1\)](#), includes entities that are involved with prescription drugs and/or devices as entities that must register.
 - Please see the updated statutory definition of “device”. This updated definition was an impetus for the creation of a “Medical Device Establishment” permit.
 - [Article XXXII](#), applies to the need for registration of devices in addition to drugs and APIs. While multiple facility types are listed in the article, this is not an exhaustive list, as stated within the article itself. An email was sent to Facilities stating that an entity that solely manufactures or distributes medical devices must register as a “Medical Device Establishment”.
- Submit **PIC/DR, address, ownership, DBA amendments** via Gateway with supporting documentation.
- DR changes **require a fingerprint card**; must be sent promptly to avoid application expiration.
- Facility must **list two emails**: PIC/DR + administrative contact to ensure notices are received.
- New DR = **new Gateway profile**; previous DR profile cannot be reused

COMPLIANCE CHECK



DEA REGISTRANTS AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As many of you are aware, pharmacists who are not owners of a pharmacy (retail or institutional), are required to obtain a power of attorney authorizing them to order controlled substances under the registrant's DEA number. Also, if you are the person who signs the DEA renewal documentation on behalf of the registrant, a power of attorney is required to ensure your authorization to do so.

For your pharmacy/facility, be sure you know the appropriate person/s who are identified as the registrant by DEA definition. This would be the person who would be able to grant you power of attorney. DEA registers the pharmacy/facility, not the pharmacist.

21 CFR 1301.13

(j) Each application, attachment, or other document filed as part of an application, shall be signed by the applicant, if an individual; by a partner of the applicant, if a partnership; or by an officer of the applicant, if a corporation, corporate division, association, trust or other entity. An applicant may authorize one or more individuals, who would not otherwise be authorized to do so, to sign applications for the applicant by filing with the Registration Unit of the Administration a power of attorney for each such individual. The power of attorney shall be signed by a person who is authorized to sign applications under this paragraph and shall contain the signature of the individual being authorized to sign applications. The power of attorney shall be valid until revoked by the applicant

INVENTORY TIME!

Every facility permitted by the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy shall take an annual inventory of all controlled substances on hand on May 1 but no later than May 15. A facility may conduct the controlled substance inventory at another date so long as the annual inventory is conducted during the same period each year. This inventory shall be maintained with the other controlled substance records of the facility. Inventory records for schedule II controlled substances are filed separately from inventory records for schedule III-V controlled substances.

LICENSE VERIFICATION/ ACTIVE STATUS ONLY

Technician Renewal ended on 3/31/25. Ensure that all of your technician staff has an active registration status.

Employees that do not reflect an active registration status are not allowed to work in a pharmacy. You can verify the licensing or registration status of any employee on the [licensing verification search page](#).

PRESCRIPTION TRANSFERS

Remember only noncontrolled drug prescriptions may be transferred in Mississippi. There must be a transferor pharmacist and a transferee pharmacist. There is an exception to this: If a pharmacy's computer system satisfies all requirements of Article XV and a common computerized system is shared, one pharmacist may complete all actions required **once** per patient prescription. Transfers orally by telephone are between a transferor pharmacist and a transferee pharmacist. Current regulations do not allow pharmacy technicians to play either of these roles.

Spotlight on Pharmacy Benefit Managers

STAY INFORMED: PBM COMPLAINT AND APPEAL GUIDANCE FOR PHARMACIES

Please utilize the [PBM Complaint Form](#) on the MS Board of Pharmacy's website to file complaints on any PBMs which you have documentation to support non-compliance with current Mississippi statutes, specifically §73-21-151 through §73-21-163 and §73-21-175 through §73-21-191. If you have any questions about PBM related issues or concerns, please feel free to contact the PBM Compliance Director, Stephen Scott, by phone at 601-487-4426 or by email PBMadmin@mbp.ms.gov. Our office depends on the information provided by pharmacies to ensure compliance with Mississippi Code.

The [MAC Appeal contact information](#) for all PBMs licensed in Mississippi has been updated on the MS Board of Pharmacy's website. If any PBM's contact information is missing from this list, it may mean the PBM is not presently registered to do business in Mississippi. Please make our office aware of such instances so that we can assist in ensuring you have access to the required contact information for correctly filing an appeal.

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