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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PHARMACY

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Our next regularly scheduled board meetings for 2026 will be held on:

- March 5, 2026 (Location Updated)
 - **Paul B. Johnson Commons,**
Sr. East Ballroom 218
Dormitory Row West,
University, MS 38677
- May 28, 2026

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 OPPORTUNITIES

- The Mississippi Chapter of NADDI is pleased to announce that registration is now open for its upcoming Training Conference focused on enhancing skills to combat drug diversion.

This one-day conference provides an excellent opportunity for professional development, networking, and learning from experienced professionals in the field. Attendees can expect up to six hours of educational content, with the goal of securing continuing education approval for applicable disciplines.

Key Details:

- Date: April 23, 2026
- Time: 8 AM to 4 PM
- Location: Brandon Civic Center, 1000 Municipal Dr, Brandon, MS 39042

To view additional details and register for the conference, please click the link: [2026 NADDI of Mississippi Training Conference](#)

If you have any immediate questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to us at ✉ pculbertson@mbp.ms.gov.

- [Texas Opioid Collaborative](#)- free, online opioid related CE

MED SPAS AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Some med spas are now offering injectable treatments. Ensuring appropriate medical oversight and proper regulatory safeguards are in place is a concern. A recent blog from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) explores the growing safety concerns surrounding unapproved, counterfeit, and illegally compounded products, including GLP-1's, and how these risks can impact patients. Learn how illicit medications can enter the supply chain, what warning signs to watch for, and why regulatory awareness matters for both consumers and providers.

For more information, read the full NABP blog:

<https://nabp.pharmacy/news/blog/med-spas-and-gl-p-1-safety/>

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PROFESSIONALS HEALTH NETWORK, INC. SELECTED AS RECOVERY PROGRAM VENDOR

The Mississippi Board of Pharmacy has selected Professionals Health Network, Inc. (PHN) as the vendor to provide Pharmacy Professionals Recovery Program Services. This partnership reflects the Board's continued commitment to working with experienced and trusted organizations that support regulatory compliance and professional health initiatives.

Professionals Health Network, Inc. brings extensive expertise in providing specialized services to healthcare boards and professionals. Through this vendor relationship, PHN will support the Board's ongoing efforts to uphold standards that protect public health and ensure professional accountability within the pharmacy community.

Additional details regarding services and implementation will be communicated as they become available. Stakeholders are encouraged to stay informed through official Board communications and future newsletter updates.



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PSAO'S AND LEGEND MEDICAL DEVICE DISTRIBUTORS NOW REQUIRE STATE REGISTRATION

Legislative changes to the pharmacy practice act in the 2025 session now require the registration of pharmacy service administrative organizations (PSAOs) and broaden the need for licensure for medical device distributors. The update mandates that the distribution of any legend/prescription devices in or to MS requires licensure. Previously, only medical devices that contained a legend medication and required dispensing by a pharmacist required licensure.

To allow awareness and facilitate the initial licensure of both entities, the following guidelines have been set by the Board:

1. Initial licensure required by 7/1/2026 with initial expiration of 12/31/2027.
2. Subsequent licensure renewals will commence prior to 1/1/2028 for a 12 month period.
3. The licensing period fee has been set at \$500.

WE ARE HIRING: COMPLIANCE AGENT

The Mississippi Board of Pharmacy is now accepting applications for the position of Compliance Agent. Interested applicants can view the posting on the Mississippi State Personnel Board's website at the following link: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/mississippi/jobs/5206798/pharmacy-board-compliance-agent>

The job opportunity will be posted through February 4, 2026.

This position is based in the Jackson office and will work in the field statewide as needed for inspections and investigations.

Relocation expenses will not be provided.



WE ARE HIRING: STAFF ATTORNEY

The Mississippi Board of Pharmacy is now accepting applications for a Staff Attorney (Pay Grade MS-19).

The Staff Attorney will manage complex legal and regulatory matters for the agency, including advising the Board on disciplinary actions and litigation, drafting regulations and legislation, ensuring compliance with state and federal laws, responding to public records requests and subpoenas, and representing the agency in administrative proceedings and court.

Applicants must be members of the Mississippi State Bar Association with a minimum of five years of legal experience. Preference will be given to candidates with experience serving as legal counsel for a state agency, board, or commission and familiarity with administrative hearings and regulatory processes.

To apply, click the following link (leads to external website): [Staff Attorney](#).

COMPLIANCE CHECK



REMINDER: COMPOUNDING STATISTICAL REPORT DUE JANUARY 31, 2026

Pharmacies holding a **Mississippi compounding certificate** must submit their **Compounding Statistical Report** to the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy by **January 31, 2026**. The report covers **January 1-December 31, 2025** and can be submitted through the **Gateway Portal** beginning in January.

- Report sterile compounding only (enter zero for non-sterile)
- Applies only to pharmacies with a compounding certificate
- No inspection upload required—it was included with renewal

👉 For full instructions on how to submit, visit [Compounding Statistical Report Information](#)

LICENSE VERIFICATION/ACTIVE STATUS ONLY

ACTIVATE

Only employees/students showing an active registration/license status are allowed in the dispensing area of a pharmacy. Performing any technician/pharmacist/student related duty without an active registration/license is not allowed. Please verify the licensing or registration status of any technician/pharmacist/student on the licensing verification search page (not the Gateway).

COMPLIANCE BULLPEN REPORT

To ensure you're on top of compliance this new year, refresh your knowledge with our Compliance Bullpen Report Trainings. Available on our YouTube channel, these archived videos won't provide continuing education credits, but they will equip pharmacy professionals with essential compliance and regulatory knowledge specific to the State of Mississippi. We encourage all team members, including any new pharmacists, to watch them as they offer vital information. Staying updated on compliance is crucial for maintaining high practice standards. The trainings cover: Instructions for Loss Reporting, Inventories, & Accountability Audits, Burglaries and Robberies, and an Introduction to the 4 Divisions of the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy.

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STAY COMPLIANT WITH 2025 REGULATION UPDATES

Several regulations were updated in 2025. Staying on top of these changes is critical to remain compliant with state requirements and to avoid penalties.

We strongly encourage you to review the updated regulations relevant to your practice.

- [ARTICLE XXXI: COMPOUNDING GUIDELINES](#)
- [ARTICLE LI ADVISORY PHARMACISTS TO AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTERS AND MULTI-PROVIDER CLINICS](#)
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- [ARTICLE XXXVIII MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS PERMIT](#)



CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES REPORTING

Reminder: All Schedule II-V prescriptions must be reported to the MSPMP **with the prescriber's valid DEA Number.**

Important: Submissions without a valid DEA (e.g., only NPI or state license) will be rejected.

Drugs of Concern:

- *Gabapentin is currently the only drug of concern in Mississippi.*
- *Do not use a false DEA number.*
 - *Use DEA if available.*
 - *Use NPI if the provider has no DEA.*

For veterinarians without DEA, use state license number ([Refer to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-21-103](#)).

MANDATORY ERROR CORRECTION



- All errors in the MSPMP database must be corrected.
- Ensure your pharmacy receives daily PMP Clearinghouse reports.
- Refer to the Data Submission Guide for step-by-step corrections: [MS PMP Data Submission Dispenser Guide v4.0](#)

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.

ACCESS 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 now open for pharmacy technician renewals. Renewal notification emails are being sent through the system and will continue until the renewal is completed. All renewals must be finalized by March 31 to avoid a late fee.
- The year-end renewal period ended December 31, 2025. Late fees now apply.
- Pending applications: Any renewals that are currently pending, **cannot operate with an expired license, and facilities cannot function under an expired permit status.**
- Facility permits: Submit a permit closure request through the Gateway if you do not intend to renew.

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



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



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 registration 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.

FACILITY HIGHLIGHT

- 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

FOR DETAILED INFORMATION AND ACCESS TO THESE RESOURCES:
VISIT WWW.MBP.MS.GOV

