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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PHARMACY

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Our next regularly scheduled board meetings will be held on:

- September 16, 2026
- November 19, 2026
- January 21, 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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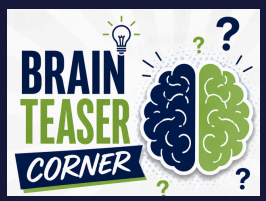

The more of me you earn, the more you learn.
Professionals need me to stay current.
I am measured in hours, not dollars.
What am I?

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Are Your PSAO Partners Properly Licensed in Mississippi?

Per Mississippi Code §73-21-83, the Board is responsible for the control and regulation of the practice of pharmacy, to include the regulation of pharmacy services administrative organizations (PSAO).

Mississippi Code defines a PSAO as any entity that contracts with a pharmacy or pharmacist to assist with third-party interactions and that may provide a variety of other administrative services, including, but not limited to, contracting with pharmacy benefit managers on behalf of pharmacies and providing pharmacies with credentialing, billing, audit, general business and analytic support.

If you currently contract with a PSAO, please ensure the PSAO is licensed properly to do business in Mississippi by checking our licensure website at: License Verification | Mississippi Board of Pharmacy and searching for the PSAO by name. If the PSAO is not properly licensed, please contact them to inform them of Mississippi's requirement for licensure and contact Stephen Scott, PBM Compliance Director, so he can assist them with the licensure process.

Are you renewal ready?

Pharmacist licenses, Controlled Substance Registrations, Institutional Emergency Kits, and Drug Facility permits are all scheduled to be renewed by December 31, 2026. The renewal portal will open in mid-August. **Go ahead and prepare for your renewal NOW!** *We recommend submitting your renewal application no later than December 1, 2026 to allow time for review and any needed follow-up prior to December 31, 2026.*

- Pharmacist: Know your username and log in for the Gateway. Have CE documentation for January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 readily available should you be audited.
- Controlled Substance Registrations: Update your DEA registration on file (if applicable)
- Emergency Kits (IEMK's): Submit the list of medications contained in your kit(s) and your services offered.

ALL THINGS LICENSING

IMPORTANT RENEWAL REMINDERS:

- The portal for Medical Equipment Supplier Permit Renewals is now closed. The permit renewal deadline was June 30, 2026. Renewals received after this date are subject to a late fee. If your renewal application has not been submitted and approved, your permit is considered expired, and the facility may not operate until a valid permit is in effect.
- *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.*

MEDICAL DEVICE ESTABLISHMENTS: NEW LICENSE CATEGORY NOW IN EFFECT

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. Facilities that distribute both devices and drugs are typically covered under a wholesaler permit. Please be advised that your actual business activity will dictate licensure requirements.

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".

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.**

ALL THINGS LICENSING

LICENSE VERIFICATION:

The license verification website is the primary source of credential verification information of all licensees, permittees, and registrants. Verification can be obtained through the License Verification site at https://gateway.mbp.ms.gov/Verification/search.aspx. Licensees, permittees, and registrants requiring official verification directly from the board may submit a Verification Request through their Licensure Gateway portal for a fee of $25.00.

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.

LICENSING & REGISTRATION RESOURCES

Many of our frequently requested licensing, registration, and Gateway account resources have been moved to the Board website for easy access. There you can find information regarding:

- Gateway profile updates (name, employment, address, and facility changes)
- Duplicate wall certificates and wallet cards
- NABP e-Profile ID requirements
- Pharmacy technician registration requirements
- Student intern/extern registration information
- Facility permit amendments and DR/PIC changes
- Gateway security and account management

Visit https://www.mbp.ms.gov/licensing for complete instructions, forms, and current requirements.

📝 **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
LICENSING DIVISION: (601) 899-8880

MISSISSIPPI PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM Update

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**

Brain Teaser Corner Answer- Continuing Education

COMPLIANCE CHECK

COMBAT METHAMPHETAMINE EPIDEMIC ACT OF 2005 (CMEA)

If your pharmacy dispenses ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and or phenylpropanolamine (list chemicals)as behind the counter products without a prescription, please review the CMEA requirements. DEA requires self-certification and training be done for each retail location where these list chemicals are sold without a prescription.
(References: DEA Pharmacist Manual, CMEA, Title 21 CFR 1314)

- https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/GDP/(DEA-DC-046R1)(EO-DEA154R1)_Pharmacist's_Manual_DEA.pdf
- CMEA Main Page
- https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/chapter-II/part-1314/subpart-B/section-1314.35

ISSUES WITH PHARMACY ORDERS FROM WHOLESALERS

We continue to see issues with medications, specifically but not limited to controlled medications, missing from totes when delivered by the courier company on behalf of the wholesale distributor. Pharmacy staff are encouraged to take measures to ensure you are not signing for medications that you have not received.

1. Once you sign to say you received a controlled substance, the accountability is then on you.
2. Do not allow your controlled medications to be dropped off by the courier and sit in a holding area for long periods of time before anyone checks them in.
3. While the courier is still on site, check to make sure all controlled substances are accounted for (each line item) BEFORE you sign for the delivery.
4. If there are controlled substances missing from the delivery, notify your wholesaler immediately.
5. Questions to ask: Are you able to refuse the order with items missing? What additional steps are required by your wholesaler? Your company?
6. Be in the know on your options and the process when you discover controlled medications are missing from an order.

Spotlight *on* Pharmacy Benefit Managers

If your pharmacy is having issues with multiple MAC appeals (pharmacy reimbursement appeals), the following minimum information is needed in order to assist you with your complaint.

- Pharmacy NCPDP #
- Rx #
- Drug Name
- NDC
- Date of Fill
- Date of Appeal
- Date of Appeal Approval / Denial
- Result of Appeal
- Issue with the Appeal

A single complaint may be submitted on a PBM for multiple issues. 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.

NOTE: The line of business associated with the prescription claim may make a difference in how a PBM is obligated to adjudicate the appeal. Certain lines of business (e.g. the Mississippi's State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan and the Mississippi Division of Medicaid) are exempt from the requirements of Mississippi's Pharmacy Benefit Prompt Pay Act.

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