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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PHARMACY



NEXT BOARD MEETING AT NEW LOCATION

Our next board meeting will be held on November 16, 2023, at the Board of Pharmacy's new office located at 6311 Ridgewood Road, Suite E 401 Jackson, MS. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

APHA WELL-BEING & WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT 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.

OTC NARCAN ARRIVES BUT NALOXONE STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER REMAINS

OTC Narcan has begun arriving on the shelves of retail pharmacies throughout the nation. This development promises to further increase the public's access to naloxone. The statewide standing order remains an additional pathway for naloxone access per MS § 41-29-319. Pharmacists may continue to utilize the standing order as needed for patient access by following the four required steps of the standing order process on our [website](#). Effective 1/1/2024, the state health plan will cover OTC naloxone under the standing order at a \$12 copay for covered patients.

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY- OCTOBER 28

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day occurs twice a year, in April and October. This is an opportunity for individuals to safely and responsibly dispose of their unused or expired prescription drugs. This initiative aims to prevent drug abuse and accidental poisonings, as well as protect the environment..

As a pharmacist, you play a crucial role in informing and educating your patients about the importance of properly disposing of their medications. By talking to your patients about the potential risks associated with keeping unused drugs at home, you can encourage them to take advantage of the take-back programs available in their communities. You can visit the [DEA website](#) to find a collection site near you.

There are various ways in which patients can dispose of their medications, depending on the type of drug and the location. Some pharmacies and healthcare facilities offer take-back programs, while others provide drop boxes or mail-back options. It is important to note that flushing medications down the toilet or throwing them in the trash can harm the environment and potentially contaminate water sources.

By working together with your patients and community organizations, you can help promote safe and responsible medication disposal and reduce the negative impacts of unused drugs.



RENEWALS

We are currently renewing all licenses, permits, and registrations that expire **December 31, 2023**.

Note: Any renewals received after midnight of December 31, 2023, will be accessed a late fee. If you do not wish to renew and/or need to close the facility permit, please log into the Gateway and submit a permit closure request.

Our Licensing Division is readily available to assist with any renewal questions and/or Gateway issues. Do not hesitate to contact us.

Profile Changes

Any changes to your profile may be made by logging into the Gateway and submitting the desired change request at any time. For name changes, the system will allow you to make the request. You will need to upload the required documentation for staff approval. All employment and address changes can also be made via the Gateway. For assistance with the online system, contact our Licensing Division at (601) 899-8880.

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.

Make sure to review your student registration expiration date, this date should be six (6) months from your anticipated graduation date. If this date does not correlate with this guideline, please contact our licensing division for correction.

If you have not already done so, please create a profile with NABP at www.nabp.pharmacy. This account is FREE and will assign you an NABP e-Profile number, which you will need to report to our office by telephone or email (licensing@mbp.ms.gov).

Please notify the Board should you withdraw from pharmacy school. Student Intern/Extern registrations will become inactive upon withdrawal. Should you want to apply as a technician, you will be required to petition the Board for permission to do so.



ALL THINGS LICENSING



PHARMACIST FILL UP

We no longer mail wallet cards or stickers. To obtain, a wallet card, you may log into your Gateway profile, download the card, and print it if desired. Any request for duplicate wall certificates may be made by logging into your Gateway profile and submitting a duplicate certificate application request. There is a 25.00 processing fee.

TECH BITE

If you have not already done so, please create a profile with NABP at www.nabp.pharmacy. This account is FREE and will assign you a NABP e-Profile number, which you will need to report to our office by telephone or email (licensing@mbp.ms.gov).

DON'T FORGET

FACILITY HIGHLIGHT

Any **changes** to your permit (i.e., PIC/DR changes, address changes, business name changes, and/or ownership changes) may be made by logging into the Gateway and submitting the desired change application at any time. Supporting documentation uploaded may be required for staff approval. For DR changes, make sure to mail your fingerprint card to the address indicated on the instruction sheet as soon as possible. Failure to do so will result in expiration of your application. For assistance with the online system, contact our Licensing Division at [601-899-8880](tel:601-899-8880).

PIC changes must be completed in a timely manner to prevent any interruption in operations. Make sure that there are two emails listed on the record (one for the PIC and one for an admin, in the event that the PIC vacates his/her position). This will ensure all notices regarding the PIC change application process will be received by the facility.

If the PIC has not renewed his/her pharmacist license, the system will NOT allow the renewal of their facility's permit.

MAKE SURE EACH USER HAS HIS/HER OWN PROFILE, USERNAME, AND PASSWORD. PROFILES/PASSWORDS SHOULD NOT BE SHARED. THE LICENSING DIVISION STAFF WILL NOT GIVE ACCESS TO A PROFILE TO ANYONE EXCEPT THE PROFILE OWNER.

COMPLIANCE CHECK



REGULATIONS

NEW

- Article L- - [Ambulatory Surgery Centers and Multi-Provider Clinics](#) (effective August 14, 2023)
 - This article outlines what is required for an ambulatory surgery center or multi-provider clinic permit. These facilities will be inspected for compliance with Article L.

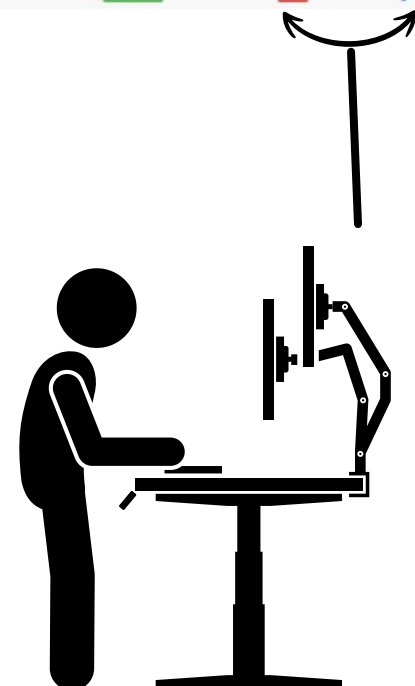
PROPOSED

- Article XXXI- Compounding Guidelines (comments may be emailed to averylee@mbp.ms.gov)
 - Currently, Article XXXI states that USP Chapters 795 and 797 are enforceable. These chapters have updates scheduled effective 11/1/2023. Compliance with non-USP 800 related components of these chapter updates is expected on 11/1/2023. For USP 800 related elements, compliance plans that include action items and timelines will be acceptable but must be fully implemented by 1/1/2025 to avoid potential enforcement actions. Noncompliant USP 800 activities without a substantial compliance plan in place after 11/1/2023 will be subject to enforcement actions. For those who do not intend to become compliant with provisions of USP 800, related activity should cease as soon as possible.

PIC CORNER

1. Remember a "pending status" is **no longer a valid status** for allowing pharmacy personnel to work in your pharmacy. If a pharmacy student, pharmacy technician, or pharmacist does not have an active license, he/she will not be able to work in the pharmacy until their license is active.
2. When you renew your facility permit, please take a moment and review your current employee list. Please remove any employees who no longer work at your location by clicking the editing gear on the far right of the page. You can then change their status to "PAST". Encourage any new employees not showing up on your list to add their employment with your facility to their profile.
3. Be sure to review "Admin" status for all employees. Employees who have admin access are able to launch renewals and PIC changes and make changes to permit information. Previous PICs that remain on the permit continue to have Admin access until access is manually removed.

| Current Employees | Past Employees | Current Own/Off | Past Own/Off |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Position | Record Status | Is Admin | |
| Staff | Current | No | ⚙️ |
| Staff | Current | No | ⚙️ |
| Staff | Current | No | ⚙️ |
| Staff | Current | No | ⚙️ |
| Pharmacist In Charge | Current | Yes | ⚙️ |
| Staff | Current | Yes | ⚙️ |
| Staff | Current | No | ⚙️ |
| Staff | Current | No | ⚙️ |
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COMPLIANCE CHECK



DRUG SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY ACT STABILIZATION PERIOD

What is the Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA)?

“The [DSCSA](#), a law enacted in 2013, preempts a 50-state patchwork of pedigree requirements to create one federal traceability framework for prescription medicines. The DSCSA set a 10-year timeline to build an electronic, interoperable system for the exchange of transaction documentation [transaction information (TI), transaction history (TH), and transaction statements (TS)] to enable the tracing of prescription medicines throughout the pharmaceutical supply chain, with the final milestone quickly approaching November 2023.”

FDA announced a DSCSA stabilization period in August 2023. The purpose of the stabilization period is to ensure that products continue to move smoothly through the supply chain. The **12-month** stabilization period extends through November 27, 2024, to give trading partners the time they need to finalize the implementation of DSCSA-compliant processes and systems.

- DSCSA defines a dispenser as:
 - A retail pharmacy;
 - A hospital pharmacy;
 - A group of chain pharmacies under common ownership and control that do not act as a wholesale distributor; or
 - Any other person authorized by law to dispense or administer prescription drugs and the affiliated warehouses or distribution centers of such entities under common ownership and control that do not act as a wholesale distributor
- What does the stabilization period mean to dispensers?
 - The stabilization period is a period of time in which the FDA may or may not choose to take enforcement action on any segment of the supply chain in relation to DSCSA (manufacturers, wholesalers, and dispensers). The law has not been delayed and will still become effective November 27, 2023.

For more information and resources on DSCSA for Dispensers, visit <https://dscsa.pharmacy/>.

PMP Update



Please make sure your pharmacy has updated to the new clearinghouse SFTP server. This is required to be done in order for your pharmacy to report properly. If you are unsure if this update has been made at your pharmacy, please contact the clearinghouse directly using the link provided, <https://pmpclearinghouse.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>.

If you have changed your employment, email, or any other information regarding your profile you do not need to create another account. Simply send an email with the updated information. You may send these requests via email to mppassist@mbp.ms.gov.

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.

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 at mppassist@mbp.ms.gov or 601-899-0138 or visit our website at www.pmp.mbp.ms.gov.

