

Board of Pharmacy Update

Welcome to a monthly news roundup from the California State Board of Pharmacy. More information about news reported here is on the Board's website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

Recent news:

- The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) issued a [waiver](#) and [guidance](#) allowing pharmacies, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to conduct any aspect of any point-of-care test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 that is deemed or classified as CLIA-waived. The Board notified subscribers and posted the documents online.
- Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a [state of emergency in California](#) on August 18, 2020, because of fires burning statewide. The Board issued [information for licensees](#) regarding state laws and other resources to help pharmacists provide prescription drugs – including controlled substances – for residents displaced by emergency evacuation. The information is posted online under “Emergency Related to Statewide Fires.”
- The Board issued a consumer tip sheet on [how to prepare for an emergency evacuation](#). Before evacuation, residents should prepare a “patient care kit” in a waterproof bag with essential items, including at least one week’s supply of prescription medications. The tip sheet is posted online under “Emergency Related to Statewide Fires.”

Coming up:

- The Board is set to meet via teleconference September 17 to hear petitions for reinstatement of licensure or early termination or other modification of penalty. The meeting agenda and materials will be posted on the [Board Meetings](#) page.

A final word:

- Check the Board's website for important COVID-19 information, including the status of [Pharmacy Law waivers](#) and [how to request a waiver](#).
- California law enables Medicare recipients to obtain their prescription drugs from Medi-Cal provider pharmacies at a cost no higher than the Medi-Cal price for those drugs. Licensees and consumers can find out more about the [Prescription Drug Discount Program for Medicare Recipients](#) in the “Important Information for Consumers” box on the Board's website.

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