

Waiver of Staffing Ratio Provisions of Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 4115(g)(1) and Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Section 1793.7

In light of the Governor's [proclamation](#) of a state of emergency in response to the Palisades Fire and consistent with BPC section 4062, Seung Oh, President of the California State Board of Pharmacy, through delegated authority, has authorized the following waiver of the above-referenced provisions of Pharmacy Law.

The ratio of pharmacists to pharmacy technicians may increase to allow for one additional pharmacy technician for each supervising pharmacist under the following conditions:

1. The pharmacy is located in Los Angeles County, Kern County, Ventura County, Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, or another surrounding county where displaced Californians may be receiving pharmacy services.
2. The pharmacy documents the need for the ratio modification. Examples of need may include, but are not limited to, an increased prescription volume and/or limitation on staff availability.
3. The supervising pharmacist, exercising their professional judgment, may refuse to supervise the additional pharmacy technician and provide the pharmacist-in-charge of their determination. When making such a determination, the supervising pharmacist must specify the circumstances of concern with respect to the pharmacy and patient care implications. Under such circumstances, the ratio may not increase.

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