

Board Meeting Actions – March 27, 2020

The California State Board of Pharmacy met via teleconference March 27, 2020.

The Board took the following actions:

- Elected member Maria Serpa as treasurer.
- Determined that an emergency exists allowing the Board to consider whether the president should have additional discretion to waive Pharmacy Law provisions pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 4062.
- Voted to grant the president discretion to waive Pharmacy Law provisions for up to 90 days in light of the Governor's declaration of a statewide emergency and the national declaration of emergency pursuant to BPC section 4062.
- Granted the president discretion to extend for 90 days previously granted waivers that were not considered by the Board.

In addition, the Board took action on the following existing [Pharmacy Law Waivers](#) posted on the Board's website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov:

- Amended an existing waiver of renewal requirements for sterile compounding pharmacies located within a hospital to apply to pharmacies whose licenses expire on or before **July 1, 2020**, under specific conditions (BPC sections 4127.1(c) & (d) and 4127.15(b)).
- Extended for 120 days or until the emergency declaration is lifted, whichever is sooner, an existing waiver of provisions related to prohibited acts involving dangerous drugs or devices (BPC sections 4169(a)(1) and 4161(b)).
- Extended for 90 days or until the emergency declaration is lifted, whichever is sooner, an existing waiver of provisions related to the staffing ratio of pharmacists to pharmacy technicians under specified conditions (BPC sections 4115(f)(1) and 4127.15(c)(2); and Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 1793.7).
- Extended for 90 days or until the emergency declaration is lifted, whichever is sooner, an existing waiver of provisions related to remote processing of medication orders or prescriptions (BPC section 4071.1(a)).
- Extended for 90 days or until the emergency declaration is lifted, whichever is sooner, an existing waiver of the signature requirement for receipt of delivery of drugs, under specific conditions (BPC section 4059.5).
- Modified and extended for 90 days or until the emergency declaration is lifted, whichever is sooner, an existing waiver of provisions related to prescribers dispensing medication to an emergency room patient if the medications are short-acting, beta-agonist inhalation products, under specific conditions (BPC sections 4068(a)(1), 4068(a)(5), and 4068(a)(6)).

- Extended for 90 days or until the emergency declaration is lifted, whichever is sooner, an existing waiver of a requirement for a consulting pharmacist to make quarterly visits to a clinic, under specific conditions (BPC sections 4182(a) & (b)/BPC 4192(a) & (b)).
- Extended for 120 days a waiver of USP <797> requirements related to the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), under specific conditions (BPC section 4126.8).
- Extended for 120 days an existing waiver related to the use of alcohol sanitizer before donning sterile gloves (Title 16, CCR section 1751.5(a)(5)).
- Voted to extend any intern pharmacist license expiring on or before July 1, 2020, for an additional six months if the license is current and in good standing.
- Extended for 90 days or until the emergency declaration is lifted, whichever is sooner, an existing waiver related to the staffing ratio of pharmacists to intern pharmacists, under specific conditions (BPC section 4114(b)).

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