

Board Meeting Actions – October 27-28, 2020

The California State Board of Pharmacy took the following actions during a meeting October 27-28, 2020:

- Voted to extend a temporary license for Exela Pharma Sciences for 180 days from its current expiration date.
- Voted to designate as precedential portions of the decision *In the Matter of the Third Amended Accusation against IV Solutions Inc., Alireza Varastehpour, President, and Renee Sadow*.
- Voted to adopt text as noticed September 25, 2020, and staff recommendations for a proposed regulation to add Title 16, CCR, section 1717.5, related to automatic refills; make the regulation effective January 1, 2022; and direct staff to issue guidance defining “each prescription.”
- Voted to adopt text as noticed September 25, 2020, for proposed regulations to amend Title 16, CCR, sections 1711 and 1713, and to add Title 16, CCR section 1715.1, related to automated drug delivery systems.
- Voted to approve a policy statement to expand the authority of pharmacists providing COVID-19 and influenza point-of care testing. Voted to approve a policy statement to allow pharmacy technicians to administer influenza vaccines.
- Voted to instruct staff to monitor the issue of compounding animal drugs from bulk drug substances at a federal level and to inform the Enforcement Committee of any updates. The Board also voted to direct staff to educate licensees and monitor compliance while balancing with enforcement discretion and assessment of cases on an individual bases.
- Voted to direct staff to draft frequently asked questions describing the administrative case process for dissemination to respondents.
- Voted to incorporate the Board’s policy statement encouraging pharmacies to report employee drug diversion to law enforcement agencies in communications to licensees reporting drug diversion losses to the Board.
- Formally determined the existence of an emergency to allow the Board to consider extending a site specific waiver granted to Adventist Health St. Helena Hospital due to wildfires burning in Napa, Shasta and Sonoma counties; and voted to extend the waiver granted to Adventist Health St. Helena Hospital for 90 days.

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