

Board Meeting Highlights – February 8, 2024

The California State Board of Pharmacy considered the following items and took the following actions at its meeting on February 8, 2024

- Received a presentation by the Department of Health Care Access and Information on Pharmacy Workforce Data.
- California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1707.6, related to Notice to Consumers: Voted to accept the comment responses recommended by Board staff and adopt the regulation text as noticed on December 13, 2023.
- California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1709.1, related to Designation of Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC): Voted to accept the comment response recommended by Board staff, with one amendment; adopt the regulation text as noticed on November 17, 2023; further amend the proposed regulation text; and initiate a 15-day comment period.
- California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1746.3, related to Opioid Antagonist Protocol: Voted to accept the comment response recommended by Board staff, amend the regulation text as specified, and initiate a 15-day comment period.
- California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 1732.5 and 1732.8, related to Continuing Education: Voted to adopt the regulation text as noticed on December 15, 2023.
- Received a report from the Licensing Committee, including discussion and action as follows:
 - Voted to approve the survey related to Pharmacist to Pharmacy Technician Ratio with changes as specified.
 - Reviewed and considered central fill pharmacies, including discussion of proposed amendments to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1707.4.
 - Reviewed and considered a proposed definition of the term “mail order pharmacy.”
 - Reviewed and considered pharmacy technician training program requirements.
 - California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1793.65, related to Pharmacy Technician Certification Programs Approved by the Board: Voted to initiate a rulemaking to amend the regulation.
 - Reviewed licensing statistics for the first six months of the fiscal year. Acknowledged licensing staff on their improved processing time.
- Received a report from the Enforcement and Compounding Committee, including discussion and action as follows:
 - Voted to appoint Board Member Maria Serpa to serve on the panel responsible for review of proposals and selection of a vendor to serve as the Board’s approved entity under Business and Professions Code section 4113.1.
 - Voted to approve Frequently Asked Questions related to Assembly Bill 1286.
 - Voted to approve proposed revisions to Frequently Asked Questions regarding the use of Mobile Units.

- Voted to approve the draft Self-Assessment Form for Surgical Clinics.
- California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 1715 and 1784 and Self-Assessment Forms 17M-13, 17M-14, and 17M-26, Incorporated by Reference: Voted to initiate a rulemaking to amend the regulations and self-assessment forms.
- Reviewed enforcement statistics for the first six months of the fiscal year.
- Received reports from the Communication and Public Education Committee, Organizational Development Committee, Executive Officer, and Department of Consumer Affairs.
- Approved the November 1-2, 2023, Board meeting minutes.
- Approved the December 13, 2023, Board meeting minutes.

The livestream recording of the February 8, 2024, Board meeting can be found on the Board's website at: https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/about/meetings_full.shtml.

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