

V. Discussion and Consideration of Board Regulations Regulation Timeline

a. Board-Approved Regulations Undergoing Final Rulemaking File Review by the Department of Consumer Affairs, or Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency

1. Proposed Regulation to Add Title 16 CCR Section 1717.11 Related to Remote Processing

Timeline:

Approved by Board: November 6, 2025

Submitted to DCA for Pre-Notice Review: November 14, 2025

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Adopted by the Board: April 29, 2026

Submitted to DCA for Final Review: May 12, 2026

2. Proposed Regulation to Amend Title 16 CCR Section 1793.65, Related to Pharmacy Technician Certification Programs

Timeline:

Approved by Board: November 6, 2025

Submitted to DCA for Pre-Notice Review: November 26, 2025

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Remote Processing

16 CCR § 1717.11

**Department of Consumer Affairs
Title 16. Pharmacy**

**Modified Regulation Text
Remote Processing of Prescriptions**

Legend: Added text is indicated with an underline.

Modified changes made to the proposed regulation language are shown by ~~double strikethrough~~ for deleted language and double underline for added language.

Add section 1717.11 to Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

§1717.11. Remote Processing of Prescriptions.

- (a) A pharmacist located and licensed in the state may perform remote processing of prescriptions, from a location outside of a licensed facility, under the following conditions:
- (1) The pharmacy is responsible for ensuring all appropriate and necessary security and confidentiality provisions are in place, including compliance with HIPAA requirements, and specified in its policies and procedures.
 - (2) ~~The pharmacist has agreed to perform remote processing and designates the space to perform such processing in a written agreement with the pharmacy. Such space shall be open for inspection by the Board consistent with the provisions of Business and Professions Code section 4008.~~ The pharmacy and pharmacist enter a written agreement under which the pharmacist agrees to perform remote processing and designates a specific location or locations to perform such processing.
 - (3) The written agreement (including modifications) required in (a)(2) of this section shall be maintained, for at least three years following the pharmacist's employment, in a readily retrievable format and shall be available for inspection by the Board.
 - (4) The duties for remote processing of prescriptions shall be approved by the pharmacist-in-charge and specified in the pharmacy's policies and procedures.
 - (5) A pharmacy shall maintain a record of all the pharmacist's activities performed pursuant to this section.
 - (6) Records maintained pursuant to this section shall meet the same requirements as those described in Sections 4081 and 4105 of the Business and Professions Code.
- (b) For purposes of this section, "remote processing of prescriptions" does not include final product verification, supervision of pharmacy personnel, or the dispensing of a drug.
- (c) This section does not apply to facilities of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4005 and 4036, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Sections 4005, 4008, and 4036, Business and Professions Code.

**Pharmacy Technician
Certification Programs
16 CCR § 1793.65**

**Department of Consumer Affairs
Title 16. Board of Pharmacy**

**Proposed Regulation Text
Pharmacy Technician Certification Programs**

Proposed changes made to the current regulation language are shown by ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted language and underline for added language.

Amend section 1793.65 of Article 11 of Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 1793.65. Pharmacy Technician Certification Programs Approved by the Board.

(a) Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4202(a)(4), the Board approves the pharmacy technician certification program offered by:

- (1) The Pharmacy Technician Certification Board, and
- (2) The National Healthcareer Association.

(b) Approval of these programs is valid through ~~June 30, 2026.~~ June 30, 2027.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 4005 and 4202, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Sections 4038 and 4202, Business and Professions Code.