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BE AWARE & TAKE CARE: Talk to your pharmacist!

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Wholesaler Thresholds They Can Be Changed, Communication is Key

The Board has received public comment from patients and patient advocates expressing concern about challenges they experience in filling their controlled substances prescriptions. To gain a better understanding of this issue, the Board has received presentations from various entities seeking to better understand current practices, including wholesaler thresholds.

The Enforcement Committee recently received a [presentation](#) from the Healthcare Distribution Alliance and [Cardinal Health](#) on the background of the threshold policy and what pharmacies can do to update their threshold to better serve their patients.

Background...

A threshold is set for each pharmacy depending on the data the distributor receives during the onboarding process. The threshold is not required by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration but are part of the injunctive relief settlements for wholesalers subject to the settlements. Thresholds are established per customer, per drug family basis by DEA base

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**By Seung Oh, President,
Board of Pharmacy**

As the Board prepares for its upcoming review and oversight by the Legislature, it is in the final stages of completing its 2025 Sunset report. I would like to thank all of the interested stakeholders that participated in all of the Board's work to prepare for sunset process including those who engaged with the Board in identification of policy issues, those who completed surveys to provide the Board with valuable information to help inform its policy making decisions and those who continue to engage with the Board through trainings, submitting comments to regulatory activities, or who attend meetings. The Board truly values your participation. Once the report is complete and submitted to the Legislature, a copy of the report will be posted on the Board's website. I would encourage you to read the report to gain a deeper understanding of the Board, its operations, and policy changes under consideration. Once released the Board will send out a subscriber alert.

As you will learn from the

report, the Board has dedicated a significant amount of time to consider if it is appropriate to transition pharmacist practice to a more robust standard of care model. As a Board we recognize and value the significant efforts of our licensees to provide quality health care services to California patients. The Board is hopeful the Legislature will agree with its recommendation to allow for transition in the practice model for pharmacists, creating additional patient care opportunities for pharmacists while creating much needed additional health care access points for patients. Transitioning to a more robust standard of care regulatory model will streamline the authorized functions a pharmacist may perform consistent with their education and training.

Inside this issue you can read about Senate Bill 339 (Weiner, Chapter 1, Statutes of 2024), which became effective upon signature of the Governor on February 6, 2024. This bill expanded provisions for pharmacist-furnished HIV preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP). The Board is working on updating its regulations in support of the changes in Senate Bill 339. Also included in this issue is a friendly reminder regarding a pharmacist's authority when providing emergency and hormonal contraception drugs to both adults and minors.

Keep an eye out for email notifications on a new Pharmacists-in-Charge (PIC) training webinar. The webinar is

currently being developed and will be ready at the beginning of the new year. The Board will send out a subscriber alert notifying when it is up on the website to all pharmacists and stakeholders. This would be good time to sign up for subscriber alerts if you haven't already. Pursuant to Business and Professional Code 4013, all licensees are required to enroll in the Board's [subscriber alert system](#).

As healthcare providers, it is important to keep the lines of communication open. Recently, the Board received a presentation from Cardinal Health regarding controlled substances ordering thresholds; and information about how a pharmacy can request to increase its threshold if deemed necessary to take care of patients. Please consider working with your wholesalers so that you can continue to take care of your patients! A presentation during the Enforcement Committee meeting offered some great insight on distributing medications and thresholds. Additional information on thresholds can be found in this issue.

Lastly, the holiday season can be busy, and you may feel rushed, but it's a good time to remind yourself of Assembly Bill 1286, which became effective January 2024. This landmark Patient Safety Measure was implemented to best support your work environment so that we can reduce medication errors and provide appropriate patient care. The [March 2024 Special](#)

Wholesaler Thresholds

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code, independent of each other. DEA does not have a role in establishing or revising thresholds for controlled substances that manufacturers or distributors may set for their customers as part of the required monitoring systems. Cardinal Health utilizes model-based thresholds and identifies orders of “unusual size, frequency, or pattern”.

The thresholds are ceilings above which the distributor will not ship controlled substances within a specific accrual period. If an order exceeds a threshold, it is called a threshold event.

If an order is made above the established threshold and prompts a threshold event, the order is automatically held and cancelled. The pharmacy is immediately notified through their purchase order documentation, or a notification is sent for purchases made online. This is called a suspicious order.

A suspicious order doesn't mean illegal activity is occurring. It is a DEA term for [Suspicious Orders Report System \(SORS\)](#). It means the retail pharmacy customer has hit their threshold, generating a SORS. That report is automatically provided to the California State Board of Pharmacy.

How and why to increase your threshold...

Communication with your wholesaler is key. If a pharmacy believes they need to increase their threshold, for example, if another retail pharmacy is closing nearby and they know that customers are going to start coming into their pharmacy, the pharmacy can be proactive and put in a request to increase the threshold. Go to the distributor's website ([here is Cardinal Health's](#)) and put in a request and explain why you feel you need to change your threshold. Processing times for threshold requests may vary and may take a week to process. Pharmacies are encouraged to check with their wholesalers on processing times.

Please note that consistent with the settlement provisions, established threshold limits cannot be shared with customers.

You can view the presentation and discussion on the livestream available [here](#).

President's Message

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[Edition](#) newsletter is dedicated to AB 1286 and can be found on the Board's website, along with an updated FAQ list. It's an easy way to reference any questions or concerns you might have. Also, the Board will be conducting a follow-up survey.

Hope you enjoy this issue of The Script newsletter. I sincerely wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday and a happy new year to everyone!

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Access to Hormonal Contraception

Emergency Contraception Drugs

During the [November 1-2, 2023, Board Meeting](#), the Board received a presentation on research findings relating to implementation of pharmacist sexual and reproductive health services in California, including emergency contraception. Recent research suggests there may be a lack of awareness about certain provisions of pharmacy law and FDA actions relating to emergency contraception drugs levonorgestrel (also known as “Plan B One-Step”) and ulipristal acetate (also known as “ella”), and the Board seeks to remind pharmacists of the following:

- **Legal Requirements to Provide Access to Contraception to Minors:** There is no age restriction to purchase over the counter levonorgestrel emergency contraception. California law permits minors to consent to hormonal contraception to prevent pregnancy without the consent of a parent or guardian. (Cal. Family Code, §§ 6925, 6927.) More information about levonorgestrel is available [here](#).
- **Independent Pharmacist Furnishing of Hormonal and Emergency Contraception:** Pharmacists may independently furnish hormonal and emergency contraception pursuant to the protocols established in California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Sections [1746](#) and [1746.1](#), after completing training on emergency or hormonal contraception. As required in the protocols, a pharmacist must provide patients with the emergency or hormonal contraception fact sheet. Information on the protocols and fact sheets are available [here](#) and [here](#). As a reminder, a range of emergency contraception options are available, with varying efficacies for different populations.



- **12-Month Supply of Hormonal Contraception:** [Business and Professions Code Section 4064.5\(f\)](#) permits pharmacists who independently furnish self-administered hormonal contraception pursuant to the state protocol to furnish up to a 12-month supply at one time, at the patient’s request if allowed by the patient’s health plan.
- **Timely Access to Emergency Contraception:** As required by [Business and Professions Code Section 733\(b\)\(3\)](#) and [\(d\)](#), an employer is required to establish protocols that ensure that a patient has timely access to a prescribed emergency contraception drug if a pharmacist refuses to dispense the medication based on ethical, moral or religious grounds.

More information about the research and findings is available [here](#) and [here](#).

Enforcement and Compounding Committee Releases Report on Inspections

Inspection Results

The California State Board of Pharmacy inspection program provides a significant opportunity for BOP inspectors to educate licensees. Inspections provide an opportunity to observe, evaluate and educate. The Board has established a policy goal to inspect all pharmacies every four years.

The BOP provides several tools to help licensees prepare for an inspection, they include:

- [Ask Inspector Program](#): licensees can call and ask compliance questions; an inspection [FAQ](#) list and a free webinar is available on the website, “How to Prepare for an Inspection”,

- [inspection brochure](#) is available that explains what to expect during an inspection,
- articles in [The Script newsletter](#),
- and [self-assessment forms](#).

The inspector is there to observe:

- consultation procedure,
- Notice to Consumer Poster, Point to Your Language sign, pharmacy permit,
- security features,
- name tags,
- privacy space (audio and visual),
- staffing ratio and duties performed,
- professional interactions

Items to be reviewed during an inspection:

- completion of self-assessment form,
- compliance in CURES reporting,
- enrollment in the subscriber alert system,
- quality assurance policy and medication errors report,
- policies and procedures.

What is inspected:

- physical facility,
- security,
- cleanliness and orderliness,
- expiration dates, including labels.

Top Corrections on Routine Pharmacy Inspections

Violation	Description
CCR 1714	Operational Standards and Security
CCR 1707.5	Patient-Centered Labels for Prescription Drug Containers
CCR 1715.65	Inventory Reconciliation Reports of Controlled Substances
CCR 1707.2	Duty to Consult
BPC 4058	License Display
CCR 1715	Self-Assessment of PHY by PIC
CCR 1707.6	Notice to Consumers
CCR 1746.4	Pharmacists Administering Vaccines
CFR 1304.11	Inventory Requirements
BPC 4104	Licensee Theft or Impairment

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Top Violation Notices on Routine Pharmacy Inspections

Violation	Description
CCR 1714	Operational Standards and Security
CCR 1715.65	Inventory Reconciliation Reports of Controlled Substances
CCR 1715	Self-Assessment of PHY by PIC
BPC 4115	Pharmacy Technician; Tasks, Ratios, Supervision
BPC 4312	Voiding of License
CCR 1707.2	Duty to Consult
CCR 1764	Unauthorized Disclosure of RX
CCR 1735.2	Compounding Limitations/Requirements; Self-Assessment
CCR 1707.5	Patient-Centered Labels for Prescription Drug Containers
CCR 1735.7	Training of Compounding Staff

Citations Issued

The Board of Pharmacy released the most common violations in the 2023-2024 fiscal year in relation to Business and Professions Code section 4317.5. Effective January 1, 2022, the Board was given authority under BPC section 4317.5 to bring an action for fines for repeated violations of materially similar provisions of the Pharmacy Law within five years by three or more pharmacies operating under common ownership or management within a chain community pharmacy, as follows: a third and, or subsequent violation may be punished by an administrative fine not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per violation.

Additionally, under the same section the Board may bring an action against a chain community pharmacy operating under common ownership or management for fines not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for any violation of the Pharmacy Law demonstrated to be the result of a written policy or which was expressly encouraged by the common owner or manager.

Pharmacies (PHY) Top Ten Violations

Violation	Description	Number of Violations
4113	Notify Board Regarding PIC	116
1716	Medication Error	101
1714	Operational Standards and Security	53
4301	Unprofessional Conduct	52
4305	Operate for more than 30 days without PIC	36
1764/56.10	Disclosure of Medical Information	35
1707.2	Duty to Consult	33
733	Obstruction/Delay in Therapy	27
4115	Pharmacy Technician; Tasks, Ratios, Supervision	23
1715	Self-Assessment by PIC	23

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Violations Issued Under Authority of 4317.5 (a)

Violation	Description	Number of Violations	Average Fine Amount
4113	Notify Board Regarding PIC	62	\$ 4,777
1716	Medication Error	32	\$ 8,621
4305	Operate for more than 30 days without PIC	21	\$ 6,562
1707.2	Duty to Consult	19	\$ 5,000
4301	Unprofessional Conduct	12	\$ 8,438
1714.3	Pharmacy Staffing	9	\$ 7,083
1764/56.10	Disclosure of Medical Information	8	\$ 8,250
1711	Quality Assurance	8	\$ 5,000
1714	Operational Standards and Security Pharmacy Technician; Tasks, Ratios, Supervision	8	\$ 6,429
1715	Self-Assessment	6	\$ 7,500
1761	Erroneous and Uncertain Prescription	5	\$ 3,250
1707	Offsite Storage	3	\$ 5,000
1793.7	Requirements for Employing Technicians	3	\$ 5,000
733	Obstruction/Delay in Therapy	2	\$ 4,125
1707.3	Duty to Review Patient Record	2	\$ 4,250
4076	Labeling Requirements	1	\$ 5,000
1735.2	Compounding Limitations	1	\$ 5,000

Violations Issued Under Authority of 4317.5 (b)

Violation	Description	Number of Violations	Average Fine Amount
4113.7	Quotas	10	\$ 47,500
733	Unlawful Dispensing/Obstruction	2	\$ 10,000

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Data Submitted for Quality Assurance Reporting

Automated Drug Delivery System (ADDS)

What is ADDS?

Business Professions Code 4017.3 defines an Automated Drug Delivery System (ADDS) as a mechanical system that performs operations or activities, other than compounding or administration, relative to the storage, dispensing, or distribution of drugs.

ADDS can be found inside a pharmacy that is being used in the dispensing process, at the nursing station in a hospital for the nurse to administer the drug, and in doctor offices or clinics where a pharmacy is dispensing the drug remotely.

Other similar systems are:

- Automated Unit Dose System (AUDS), which is an ADDS of unit doses of drugs for administration to patients by persons authorized to perform these functions.
- Automated Patient Dispensing System (APDS), which is an ADDS used as dispensing device to dispense the drug directly to patients. If it is a new drug that requires consultation, or if a patient has a question, the APDS must have the capability of a two-way conversation system with both audio and video.

ADDS Quality Assurance Reporting

BPC 4427.7 requires a pharmacy to comply with all recordkeeping and quality assurance requirements established in pharmacy law and regulation. Further the pharmacy shall maintain those records with the licensed pharmacy holding the ADDS license and separate from other pharmacy records.

California Code Regulation Title 16 section 1711(f) specifies quality assurance records must be immediately retrievable in the pharmacy for at least one year from the date the record was created. The quality assurance record related to the use of a **licensed ADDS must be submitted to the Board within 30 days of the completion of the quality assurance review. And any facility with an unlicensed ADDS must report the quality assurance review to the Board at the time of annual renewal of the facility license.**

What is considered an ADDS Med Error?

BPC 4427.4(d) states that drugs/devices stored in the ADDS is deemed part of the pharmacy's inventory and responsibility. Drugs/devices dispense from the **ADDS shall be considered to have been dispensed by that pharmacy.**

BPC 4427.2(a) states an ADDS installed, leased, owned, or operated in California shall be licensed by the Board.

Dispensing Errors versus Nursing Administration Error

If there is an error, once it leaves the device, whether it is a stocking error or it is removed by error by the nurse, it is considered **a dispensing error.**

If the pharmacist removes the drug and it is for the right patient, but the nurse gives it to the wrong patient, then it is considered **a nursing administration error.**

Here is an example in the FAQs, Question #6 on the [BOP website](#).

- Q: A medication error was made, and a quality assurance review was completed related to the licensed ADDS, do I have to report to the Board?

Alert: Beware of Scam Phone Calls

Licensees continue to report being victimized by scam callers claiming to represent the California State Board of Pharmacy.

In a recent attempt the caller claimed to be a Board inspector who told the pharmacist they were being charged with drug trafficking and money laundering in Texas. They told the licensee they needed to go to Texas to face charges. The caller insisted the licensee stop practicing immediately. Two other individuals who claimed to be FBI agents were also on the phone call. And the licensee received an official looking letter of their suspension. Fortunately, this licensee contacted the Board and confirmed that they were in good standing and not part of any investigation.

Techniques used by fake callers include:

- A caller uses a caller ID that says “CA State Board of Pharmacy” with the Board’s phone number, (916) 518-3100.
- The caller claims a licensee is under investigation by the Board, the California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), the DEA, the FBI, or another government agency. In some cases, the caller also warns of discipline unless the licensee pays a “fine.”
- A caller warns a licensee not to report the call to anyone “or else you will jeopardize the investigation.”
- A caller requests a licensee’s cell phone number.
- A caller gives a fake call-back number.

These calls are scams! In many cases, callers are attempting to extort money or elicit sensitive information – e.g., license numbers, DEA registration numbers, etc. – from licensees.

What can you do to protect yourself and your pharmacy?

Licensee security is important to the Board of Pharmacy. Be aware of these tips from the Board and DCA:

- **If you have any doubts or questions about someone claiming – by phone or in person – to represent the California State Board of Pharmacy, call the Board at (916) 518-3100.**
- To check the identity of a caller who claims to be conducting a DCA investigation, call DCA directly at (800) 952-5210.
- If a scam caller claims to represent the DEA or the FBI, report the call to the [DEA’s Extortion Scam reporting program](#) or the [FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center](#).
- If a scam caller’s phone number appears to be a Board of Pharmacy or DCA telephone number, report the scam using the [Federal Communications Commission’s consumer complaint form](#).

ADDs

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- A: Yes, per 16 CCR section 1711(f), any quality assurance record related to the use of a licensed automated drug delivery system must also be submitted to the Board within 30 days of completion of the quality assurance review.

[Click here](#) for recent report results on ADDS medication errors.

Bill Expands the Authority of Pharmacists Furnishing HIV PrEP

Emergency Regulation Effective August 14, 2024

Senate Bill 339 authorizes a pharmacist to furnish up to a 90-day course of preexposure prophylaxis, or preexposure prophylaxis beyond a 90-day course if specified conditions are met. Prior to this bill, pharmacists could only furnish a 30-day supply and up to a 60-day supply if certain conditions were met. This emergency regulation took effect on August 14, 2024.

The regulation requires that documentation of preexposure prophylaxis furnished and services provided shall be maintained in patient records, in the record system maintained by the pharmacy, for a minimum of three years from the date when the preexposure prophylaxis was furnished.

Providing PrEP and PEP consultation and treatment in pharmacies is critical to the health, safety, and general welfare of California residents and helps save lives. Pharmacists are unable to provide adequate PrEP consultation and treatment

without having access to the necessary patient records. This regulation extends the maintenance of patient records related to the furnishing of preexposure prophylaxis, ensuring pharmacists have the information they need to comply with BPC section 4052.02(e)

(7) and provide patients with the medication and services they need.

Training for Furnishing HIV Preexposure and Postexposure Prophylaxis (PrEP/PEP)

The Board of Pharmacy has created a free training webinar pharmacists may complete to independently initiate and furnish HIV pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, [section 1747](#). Pharmacists who successfully complete the training also will receive 1.5 hours of continuing education (CE) credit. [Click here](#) for more information on the training.

Board Thanks Jose De La Paz

De La Paz Serves Term

The Board would like to thank Jose De La Paz of South Gate for his work and dedication to patient safety. Mr. De La Paz was appointed by the Speaker of Assembly in 2021. During his time on the Board, Mr. De La Paz served on many committees including the Communication

and Public Education Committee and served as Vice Chairman on the Legislation and Regulation committee.

In addition to serving on the Board, Mr. De La Paz is active in his hometown community and serves as the City Treasurer.



Jose De La Paz

Online Renewal 2025

Important Renewal Information

Save time, reduce clutter, and go **green!**

Starting January 1, 2025, **licenses that are eligible for renewal will be processed online.** Those who are eligible include:

- [Pharmacist](#)
- [Advanced Practice Pharmacist](#)
- [Pharmacy Technician](#)
- [Designated Representative - Wholesaler](#)
- [Designated Representative - Veterinary Food-Animal Drug Retailer](#)
- [Designated Representative - 3PL](#)
- [Designated Representative – Reverse Distributor](#)

NOTE: In most cases, the license expires at the **end of the month** of the licensee's registered birthday for pharmacists, advanced practice pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. For designated representatives, the license expires at the **first of the month**.

The California State Board of Pharmacy (Board) will no longer mail out a paper renewal application for the above licensees. In its place, a postcard reminder will be sent approximately six weeks prior to the license expiration date and the licensee will renew by going to www.pharmacy.ca.gov. The postcard is only a reminder, if the licensee does not receive a postcard, they are still required to submit their payment on-time to avoid a delinquency fee and possible cancellation of the license.

*For Pharmacists and Advanced Practice Pharmacists, if your license **expired more than two years ago**, you are not eligible to renew your license online. Contact the Board at RenewalStatus@dca.ca.gov for assistance.*



Renewal payment transactions must be completed prior to 5pm Pacific Time on the date your license expires to avoid the delinquency fee.

Online payments made after 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time are not credited on the day of the transaction. The Board recommends you print your payment confirmation at the end of this transaction for your records. Once the online payment is submitted, please allow two business days for processing.

REMINDER, CONFIRM ADDRESS IS CORRECT: You are required to notify the board of any change in your address within 30 days. Change of address may take between 7-10 business days to update in the system. If the correct address is not in the system at the time of renewal, the process may be delayed. Address changes can be made on-line or in writing to the board.

When renewing online, the licensee must confirm that their address is correct before submitting the payment.

Fees are changing on January 1, 2025. The updated fee schedule with the [new fees](#) has been posted on the website. You can learn more about fees decreasing for technicians in the article [Fee Decreases to Help Technicians](#).

Fee Changes

January 1, 2025

Starting January 1, 2025, fees will change. The [new fee schedule](#) can be found on the California State Board of Pharmacy website.

There is a fee decrease for technicians to make it more affordable and to help individuals maintain their license. Fees have been established within the statutory range, but at a lower rate than the established pre-set amount. The Board voted to lower the pharmacy technician renewal fee from \$180 to \$150 every two years. The fee for the issuance of a pharmacy technician license is \$120, decreased from \$195. The penalty fee for failure to renew has been decreased to \$75, this is down from \$97.50.

Links to help find renewal and fee information:

- [Personal License Renewal](#)
- [Facility License Information Renewal](#)
- [Fee Schedule](#)
- [Important information for licensees](#)

Notice to Consumers Poster

The California State Board of Pharmacy mailed out approximately 6,000 Notice to Consumer posters. The poster titled "Talk To The Expert" replaced the "Ask Your Pharmacist!" poster. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 16, [section 1707.6](#), the poster must be in a conspicuous place and consumers must be able to use the QR code to obtain translation of the notice.

In addition to the Talk to the Expert poster, a Point to Your Language poster was included in the mailing. The Point to Your Language posters include 16 translations and the posters were updated to include four (4) new languages. The four new languages added were Japanese,

Hindi, Thai, and Punjabi.

As of July 1, 2024, all California pharmacies are required to post the revised version and the previous poster must be removed. The text on the poster was approved by the Office of Administrative Law.

If you did not receive the NTC materials, please visit the [Board's website](#).

Talk to the Expert

Speak with Your Pharmacist

Before you leave the pharmacy CHECK:

- The patient name on the label is correct;
- The medication matches the description on the label;
- The name of the medicine and what it does;
- How and when to take the medication, for how long, and what to do if you miss a dose;
- Possible side effects and what you should do if they occur;
- Whether the medication will work safely with other medicines or supplements; and
- What foods, drinks, or activities should be avoided while taking the medicine.

Know Your Rights

California law requires a pharmacist to speak with you upon your request, every time you get a new prescription, and every time you get a new prescription dosage form, strength, or written directions.

This pharmacy must provide any medicine or device legally prescribed for you, unless you are unable to pay the cost of the drug or device, or the pharmacist determines doing so would be against the law, or potentially harmful to the patient's health. If a medicine or device is not immediately available, the pharmacy will work with you to help you get your medicine or device in a timely manner.

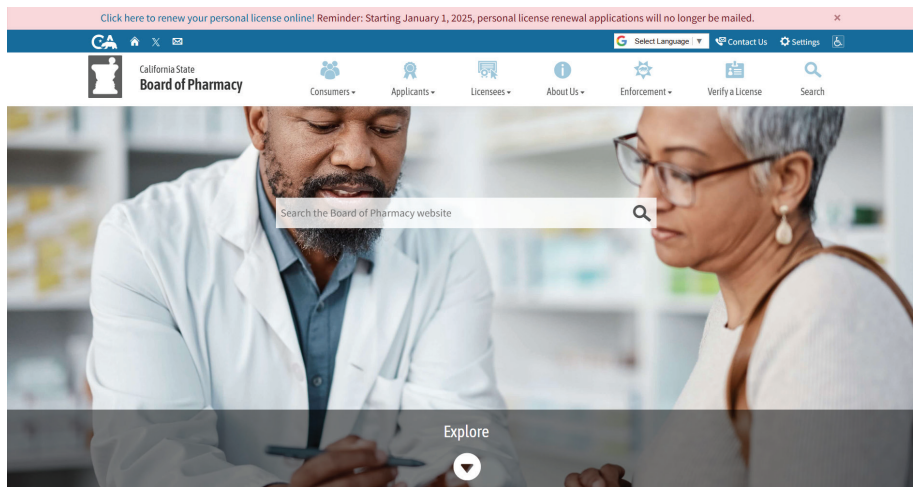
Interpreter services are available to you upon request at no cost. You may ask this pharmacy for information on drug pricing and use of generic drugs.

The address and contact information for consumers to send any complaints about the pharmacy:
California State Board of Pharmacy
2720 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95833
(916) 518-3100
www.pharmacy.ca.gov

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www.pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/ntc.shtml

Board of Pharmacy Website New Look



The California State Board of Pharmacy [website got a makeover](#). The website was designed to make it more user friendly. The BOP followed California Website Standards to ensure strengthen security, usability, and accessibility. The website is consistent with the look and feel of other state agencies/state entities to help users recognize they are accessing an official State of California website. The website continues to be accessible to

people with disabilities and is compliant according to the Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

Frequently Asked Questions Online

Are you looking for some quick and easy answers while on the job? Check out the [Board's FAQs](#) site.

Maybe you have questions or concerns regarding an inspection, or maybe you are unsure about the specifics for the protocol for furnishing naloxone to a consumer. To ensure that all licensees receive access to these answers, the board has developed this [FAQ page](#).

It's an efficient way to get guidance on relevant legal sections that should be considered when using professional judgment in determining the appropriate course of action.



Public Apology

Lapse In Judgment Can Harm Patients

When a licensee is on probation for a disciplinary action, they may be required to submit a letter of apology to the California State Board of Pharmacy (Board). The letter is intended to educate and prepare other Board licensees on situations they may find themselves in while at work. Below are two public apology letters from pharmacists who had a lapse in judgment that may have resulted in a patient being sick and not protected by their flu vaccine.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter with overwhelming feelings of guilt and regret about my failure to do what was expected of me as a pharmacist and I want to express my sincerest apologies over my mistakes. In 2020, while working as a staff pharmacist, I made a really bad decision which ultimately led to administration of flu vaccines that were not stored properly and were probably not effective at the time of administration. I allowed external pressure and fear of losing employment during the pandemic to influence my professional decision making to a degree that I still cannot fully understand today. I am not looking for ways to blame anyone else for my failure to apply my best clinical and ethical judgment under the circumstances and I take full responsibility for allowing my professional judgment to lapse.

Reflecting on my decision about the vaccines, I realize that I should have been firm and immediately report the incident to upper management and that the improperly stored vaccines should have been clearly separated from all other vaccines in the pharmacy. I do not know what the consequences of my report would have been then, but I do know for certain that it would have been the right thing to do. I should also have contacted the vaccine manufacturers to obtain their expert advice on the effectiveness of the potentially compromised vaccines and insist on proper disposal of the vaccines according to the manufacturer's instructions. Clearly, giving in to peer pressure and acting out of fear was not in the best interest of the public. In the future, when faced with potentially unethical decisions, I am confident that I will make the right choice and find the strength to resist any external pressure to do something unethical. If I encounter any breach of ethics, intimidation, or any cover up of unethical acts, I will report such instances immediately to the company and/or Board of Pharmacy.

Since the incident in 2020, I continue to feel immense regret and sadness over my lapse in judgment and I take full responsibility for my actions. I fully understand that I cannot undo what has been done and I hope that my experience can serve as a cautionary tale to other members of our profession about the detrimental effects that peer pressure can have on one's decision-making process. As a result of the 2020 incident, I have focused on the ethical aspects of our profession. I have shared my experience with many of my colleagues and will continue to do so in the future. While I am profoundly ashamed of my lapse in judgment and publicly sharing my mistakes is not something that comes lightly, I wish to use my experience to help others avoid similar mistakes.

I have also taken the Pharmacy Professional Ethics course in the first half of 2022, and I have learned a lot from it. I grew in self-awareness and gained more tools in self-examinations and how to avoid repetition of similar lapse in professional judgment. As pharmacists, we may at times feel overwhelmed and without adequate resources. In some situations, our decision making may be adversely affected by stressors related to our workplaces or our personal lives. These are the times

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when we must keep our focus most on the promise we all made when entered the profession – that we will do no harm and that we will protect the health and safety of our patients. I found the ethics course very helpful in providing resources for ethical decision making.

I have also been mentoring pharmacy school students and encouraging them in their journey to becoming ethically strong and caring pharmacists by doing what is right and considerate in the workplace for both patients and coworkers. After my mistakes, I also have been emphatic in stressing to my mentees and pharmacist friends that our jobs as pharmacists are critical in patient safety and that learning to make caring and wise judgments and decisions are crucial. I have been using the lessons I have learned from my experience to empower my coworkers and future pharmacists for the good of our patients.

I recognize I have betrayed the trust of the Board and my patients, and I am hoping to earn the trust back by showing you all that this was a one-time mistake that will never be repeated. I am very grateful that my mistake did not result in any actual harm to any patient, and I wish to make an unconditional promise to always put the health and welfare of my patients ahead of any other interest. The Board has graciously agreed to let me practice under probation and to demonstrate that my commitment to patient safety is genuine. I sincerely hope that I will be able to regain the trust of the Board and the public at large. I am thankful to the Board, our colleagues, and the public for a second chance to show that I sincerely appreciate my job as a pharmacist and that I can and will care for all my current and future patients with the highest integrity, competency, and consideration that our profession demands and expects.

Sincerely,

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April 18, 2024

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing this letter to the entire pharmacy professional community to express my deepest apologies for an incident that occurred some time ago when I was the PIC at [chain store] Pharmacy, which resulted in patients receiving compromised flu vaccines. When I decided to pursue a career as a pharmacist, I would have never thought it possible that I would make such a bad decision as I made with the flu vaccines on that occasion. I want to extend my sincerest apologies to all those affected by this incident, as well as to all members of the profession for my failure to uphold the standards to which we are held by the public and by our licensing board. I regrettably made a series of decisions that deviated from the strict standards of our profession in a way that could have resulted in harm to patients. I fully understand the gravity of my errors in judgment and wish to express my unconditional commitment to uphold the professional standards of a pharmacist in the future and to become an advocate for patient safety in my practice. This incident has been a valuable learning experience for me. I have come to better understand the critical importance of stringent quality control measures and unwavering

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diligence we must exercise in all aspects of our profession in ensuring the safety and efficacy of medications, particularly vaccines, distributed to the public. In retrospect, I realize that I should have taken immediate action when I discovered that the vaccines may have been compromised and to ensure that the compromised product was timely and properly quarantined for disposal. The trust placed in us by our community demands nothing less than adherence to the highest standards of pharmacy practice. In response to this incident, I have recognized the extent of my wrongdoing and embarked on an intensive process of self-reflection and learning more about the ethical and regulatory aspects of our profession, which included completion of the Pharmacy Ethics Course. I found this course extremely valuable to help me make sound ethical decisions in my practice. I am very grateful that the Board allowed me to demonstrate my rehabilitation and commitment to patient safety while practicing under probationary terms.

Please know that my rehabilitation efforts are ongoing and that I am resolutely committed to ensuring that such a regrettable incident will never occur in my practice again. I am determined to rebuild the trust and confidence with both the Board of Pharmacy and our community through my rehabilitation efforts. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I appreciate your understanding and support as I continue to learn, grow, and strive for redemption.

Sincerely,

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Continuing Education Requirement Two Hours in Law and Ethics

Effective July 1, 2019, Continuing Education (CE) requirements include participating in a Board provided CE course in Law and Ethics.

Existing law, codified in Business and Professions Code (BCP) section 4231, requires a pharmacist to complete thirty hours of CE every two years, and requires CE reporting as part of the license renewal process. Title 16, California Code of

Regulations section 1732.5 sets forth the CE, and CE reporting, requirements for pharmacists.

When applying for license renewal, each pharmacist shall submit satisfactory proof they have successfully completed thirty hours of approved CE courses in the twenty-four months preceding their renewal application. (16 CCR section 1732.5(a).) **Two of those thirty hours** shall be completed by

participating in a Board provided CE course in Law and Ethics.

For more information, please see the [FAQ list](#) on the website.

Veterinarians, Prescriptions and the DEA/NPI Question

What Pharmacists Should Know

As a pharmacist in California, you've likely encountered prescriptions written by veterinarians. In some cases, you may have noticed these prescriptions lack a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number or a National Provider Identifier (NPI). This can raise questions about the validity of the prescription and the dispensing process.

Understanding Veterinarian Prescribing

Veterinarians in California are licensed to prescribe medications for animals under their care. This includes controlled substances (which require a DEA number) and non-controlled drugs.

- **DEA Numbers:** Veterinarians only need a DEA number if they are prescribing controlled substances. If they are prescribing non-controlled medications, they do not require a DEA number.
- **NPI Numbers:** These are unique identifiers used primarily for billing purposes in human healthcare. Veterinarians are not eligible for NPI numbers because they do not meet the federal definition of "healthcare provider."

Why the confusion?

Pharmacies often use DEA numbers or NPIs to verify prescribers and process insurance claims. The absence of these numbers on a veterinarian's prescription can trigger alerts in your pharmacy's software system. There has been some confusion regarding the need for DEA numbers on prescriptions for non-controlled substances. This has led to situations where pharmacies incorrectly request DEA numbers for medications that don't require them. It's important to note that DEA numbers are only necessary for controlled substances.

Please be advised that California Business and Professions Code 733 prohibits a licensee from obstructing a patient's access to legally prescribed medications or devices. While software issues can present challenges in the dispensing process, it is important

to remember that these issues should not prevent patients from receiving their necessary medications in a timely manner. It is crucial to prioritize patient care and ensure that software issues do not create unnecessary barriers to access prescribed medications. If a software issue arises that prevents you from filling a prescription, please explore all available options such as contacting technical support or transferring the prescription to resolve the issue promptly.

Plan Ahead and Prevent Delays

Familiarize yourself with your pharmacy software's requirements including how to search for and select specific veterinarians, process veterinary prescriptions, and run insurance claims. If your software requires a DEA or NPI number for non-controlled veterinary prescriptions, proactively contact your software vendor or corporate IT department for guidance on the specific steps to follow to process the prescriptions. Having a clear



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procedure in place will help prevent delays and ensure timely access to medication.

What to Do When Dispensing Veterinarian Prescriptions

- **Verify the Veterinarian's License:** The most important factor is confirming that the veterinarian is licensed to practice in California. You can verify this through the [California Veterinary Medical Board's](https://www.vmb.ca.gov) website. If the veterinarian is licensed in another state, you must verify their license status with that state's veterinary board.
- **Controlled Substances:** If the prescription is for a controlled substance, ensure that the veterinarian has included their DEA number. If the DEA number is missing, you cannot legally dispense the medication.
- **Non-Controlled Substances:** If the prescription is for a non-controlled drug, the veterinarian's license number should be sufficient for dispensing. While some pharmacies may request a DEA number in lieu of an NPI, this is not required by law.
- **Communication is Key:** If you have any concerns about the validity of a prescription, don't hesitate to contact the prescribing veterinarian for clarification. Also note, under California Business and Professions Code § 688(e)(5), the requirement for electronic transmission of prescriptions does not apply to prescriptions issued by a veterinarian.

Key Points

- Veterinarians only need DEA numbers for prescribing controlled substances.
- Veterinarians are not eligible for NPI numbers.
- A valid California veterinary license is the primary requirement for prescribing medications for animals.

Additional Resources:

https://www.vmb.ca.gov/enforcement/controlled_subs.shtml

<https://nabp.pharmacy/news/news-releases/veterinarians-not-eligible-for-npis-cms-clarifies/>

<https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/animal-health/pharmacy>

[https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/GDP/\(DEA-DC-071\)\(EO-DEA226\)_Practitioner's_Manual_\(final\).pdf](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/GDP/(DEA-DC-071)(EO-DEA226)_Practitioner's_Manual_(final).pdf)

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Strategic Plan 2022-2026

Mission, Vision, Values



Intended to serve as a guide for coming years, the California State Board of Pharmacy Strategic Plan is reviewed annually to ensure the Board addresses current issues consistently with its stated goals and objectives. It is a living document that provides flexibility in meeting ongoing changes in public health, the marketplace, legislation, and other spheres within a framework established by the Board.

The 2022–2026 Strategic Plan evolved from a process that included a survey of stakeholders and Board staff, interviews with Board members, and a planning session facilitated by the Department of

Consumer Affairs' Office of Strategic Organization, Leadership, and Individual Development (SOLID).

The Board historically carries out its mission of consumer protection through policies and initiatives that originate within its five standing committees:

1. Communication and Public Education
2. Enforcement and Compounding
3. Legislation and Regulation
4. Licensing
5. Organizational Development

The committees discuss respective strategic goals and objectives based on current and anticipated needs and demands of consumers and the pharmacy profession.

We invite stakeholders to review this Strategic Plan and to monitor and support the Board's progress toward its goals and objectives by participating in Board meetings, rulemakings, and other activities. Information can be found by going to the [Board's website](#) and by signing up to receive "[News and Information](#)" alerts from the Board.

Reminder to Enroll in Subscriber Alerts Email Registration

As a reminder, pursuant to Business and Professional Code 4013, all licensees are required to enroll in the Board's [subscriber alert system](#).

All facilities, pharmacists, intern pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and designated representatives must sign

up for subscriber alerts for their license type within 60 days of obtaining a license or at the time of license renewal. Licensees also must update their email addresses with the board within 30 days of any change of email address. **Anyone may sign up for News and Information emails.**

Subscribers will receive alerts about board and committee meetings, activities, rule makings, laws and regulations, press releases, consumer tips, and other general news and information.

Tribal Health Program Employees Exempt Prescriptions Issued by Health Care Providers

Under federal law, licensed health professionals employed by a tribal health program are required to be exempt, if licensed in any state, from the licensing requirements of the state in which the tribal health program performs specified services. California law aligns with this requirement, providing an exemption from California licensure for a health care practitioner, including a physician or pharmacist, licensed in any state who practices as part of a tribal health program.

Tribal health programs are controlled and sanctioned by Tribal Governments. A tribal health program is defined as an Indian tribe or tribal organization that operates any health program, service, function, activity, or facility funded, in whole or part, by the Indian Health Service.[1]

California Business and Professions Code

(BPC) §719 provides this exemption and states as follows:[2]

(a) A person who possesses a current, valid license as a health care practitioner in any other state and is employed by a tribal health program, as defined in [Section 1603 of Title 25 of the United States Code](#), shall be exempt from any licensing requirement described in this division [i.e., Division 2 (Healing Arts) of the BPC] with respect to acts authorized under the person's license

where the tribal health program performs the services described in the contract or compact of the tribal health program under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act ([25 U.S.C. Sec. 450 et seq.](#)).

(b) For purposes of this section, "health care practitioner" means any person who engages in acts that are the subject of licensure or regulation under the law of any other state.

Based upon this law, pharmacists may fill prescriptions written by physicians not licensed in California but licensed in another state and working at tribal health programs.

[1] See [Section 1603 of Title 25 of the United States Code](#), para. (25).

[2] In 2012, both AB 1896 and SB 1575 were enacted into law. Both bills added a new section, numbered 719,

to the BPC, but used slightly different wording. As a result, the BPC includes two separate sections, both numbered 719, providing for this exemption. The statutory text printed above reflects the language added to the BPC by SB 1575 as section 719. The wording in the similar section (also numbered 719) added by AB 1896 is identical, except that the phrase "is licensed" is used in replacement of the phrase "possesses a current, valid license."



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Upcoming Meetings

Board and committee meetings are open to the public; all are encouraged to attend.

Visit [Board and Committee Meetings](#) on the Board's [website](#) for schedules and information on how to participate in meetings. The site also includes links to agendas and materials for upcoming meetings as well as links to minutes and recorded webcasts of previous meetings.

Notices are emailed to subscribers when meeting agendas and materials are posted online. To receive notices,

visit the [email registration](#) page.

Note that meeting schedules may change throughout the year, so be sure to check the Board's website for current meeting dates and locations.

Full Board Meetings:

- January 8, 2025
- February 5-6, 2025
- April 9-10, 2025
- June 25-26, 2025

Communication and Public Education Committee Meetings:

- January 9, 2025
- June 12, 2025

Enforcement and Compounding Committee Meetings:

- January 9, 2025
- March 27, 2025
- June 11, 2025

Legislation/Regulation Committee Meetings

- March 27, 2025
- June 11, 2025

Licensing Committee Meetings

- March 26, 2025
- June 12, 2025

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Board Honors 40-Year Pharmacists

The California State Board of Pharmacy proudly celebrates licensed pharmacists who have dedicated 40 years of service or more to California consumers! Your decades of contributions to patient care and the pharmacy profession are widely acknowledged and deeply appreciated.

In honor of their service, pharmacists who have been on active status with the Board for at least 40 years will receive certificates of appreciation. Because of the high volume of eligible candidates, there may be a delay in issuing certificates.

The list of 40-year pharmacists is posted on the Board's website. [Congratulations to California's 40-Year Pharmacists!](#)



Pharmacist Mark Raus, Board President Seung Oh, and Anita Raus

Mission Statement California State Board of Pharmacy

The California State Board of Pharmacy (Board) protects and promotes the health and safety of Californians by pursuing the highest quality of pharmacist care and the appropriate use of pharmaceuticals through education, communication, licensing, legislation, regulation, and enforcement.

The Board's purpose is to serve the public by:

- Protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the people of California with integrity and honesty;
- Advocating the highest quality of affordable pharmaceutical care;
- Providing the best available information on pharmaceutical care; and
- Promoting education, wellness, and quality of life.

How does the Board accomplish its purpose?

The Board accomplishes its purpose through a variety of activities including:

- Education of consumers and licensees,
- Promoting policies that protect patients,
- Enforcement related activities such as ensuring that pharmacists provide patients with pharmaceutical care by dispensing information,
- Ensuring minimum competency prior to issuance of a license.

Disciplinary Terms Explained

Accusation – An accusation is the document containing the charges and allegations of violations of the law that is filed when an agency is seeking to discipline a licensee.

Effective Date of Action – The date the disciplinary action goes into operation.

Revocation or Revoked – The license is taken back by the Board as a result of disciplinary action, and the licensee’s right to practice or operate a Board-licensed entity is ended.

Revoked, Stayed – The license is revoked, but the revocation is not effective as long as the licensee complies with specific probationary conditions, which December include a temporary suspension of the licensee’s right to practice.

Stipulated Settlement – The Board and a licensee mutually agree to settle a disciplinary case brought by the board by way of a settlement agreement.

Stayed – The revocation or suspension action is not immediately effective, and the operation or practice December continue so long as the licensee fully complies with any specified terms and conditions.

Probation – The licensee December continue to practice or operate a board-licensed entity under specific terms and conditions for a specific period of time.

Voluntary Surrender – The licensee has agreed to surrender his or her license, and the right to practice or operate a Board-licensed entity is ended. The Board December agree to accept the surrender of a license through a “stipulation” or agreement.

Suspension – The licensee is prohibited from practicing or from operating a Board-licensed entity for a specific period of time.

Suspension/Probation – The right to practice or operate is contingent on compliance with specific terms and conditions during the probationary period, including a term of suspension.

PC 23 Order Issued – The licensee is restricted from practicing or operating by the terms of a court order issued under the provisions of Penal Code section 23.

Public Reprimand – Resulting from a disciplinary action, the licensee is issued a letter of public reprimand.

Reinstatement of License – A previously revoked or suspended license is reinstated with or without specified terms and conditions.

Statement of Issues – A legal document that details the factual or legal basis for which a license was denied.

Disciplinary actions: Jan. 1 - June 30, 2024

January 1 – March 31, 2024

Personal Licenses

[Abao, Willard B., TCH 158292, AC 7568](#)

Menifee, CA

Cause for discipline: Moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; convicted of crimes that are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a pharmacy technician.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has

ended.
Effective 2/21/2024.

[Ahmad, Iqra, Applicant, SI 7495](#)
Elk Grove, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal convictions; DUI signed a document with false facts; acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit.

Action: The Application for an Intern Pharmacist license is granted. Upon satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory requirements, the license is issued, immediately

revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.
Effective 1/17/2024.

[Arindaque, Edwin A., TCH 11744, AC 7560](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: Unlawful use of marijuana; violation of state laws governing controlled substances; violation of state laws governing pharmacy.

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Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.
Effective 2/7/2024.

[Barao, Tina Keala, TCH 176083, AC 7587](#)

Vacaville, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct: moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

Actions: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.
Effective 1/17/2024.

[Bauer, Jonathan A., TCH 140352, AC 7471](#)

Long Beach, CA

Cause for discipline: Unlawful possession of controlled substances: hydrocodone/acetaminophen; commission of acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud and deceit – diversion of hydrocodone/acetaminophen; August 8, 2022 criminal conviction for DUI on May 30, 2022; dangerous use of alcohol on May 30, 2022.

Actions: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.
Effective 3/15/2024.

[Bradley, Timothy L., TCH 138228, AC 7531](#)

San Ramon, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI; willful cruelty to child.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.
Decision effective 1/25/2024.

[Bustamante, Anthony, TCH 177826, AC 7614](#)

Visalia, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of substantially related crimes; use

of alcoholic beverages in manner dangerous to public.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.
Effective 2/21/2024.

[Cantu, Stephanie, TCH 155681, AC 7551](#)

Bakersfield, CA

Cause for discipline: Convicted of attempted murder; acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.
Effective 1/17/2024.

[Chand, Vanita L., TCH 127479, AC 7577](#)

Hawthorne, CA

Cause for discipline: Acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; unlawful possession of a controlled substance; dangerous use of alcohol; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.
Decision effective 1/25/2024.

[Chavez, Miguel Angel, TCH 143130, AC 7588](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Dangerous use of alcohol.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.
Decision effective 1/25/2024.

[Delgado, Sandra Janet, TCH 181258, AC 7610](#)

Ben Lomond, CA

Cause for discipline: Substantially related to criminal conviction, DUI, driving on a suspended license due to DUI, resist/obstruct/delay a public peace officer; Dangerous Use of Alcohol

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.
Effective 2/21/2024.

[Dominguez, Lilah, TCH 154897, AC 7461](#)

Anaheim, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for four years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.
Effective 2/1/2024.

[Failla, Kevin S., TCH 63290, AC 7595](#)

Anaheim, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a substantially related crime, DUI; Dangerous Use of Alcohol.

Action: a disciplinary action of the Board, the license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.
Effective 2/21/2024.

[Gallegos, Julio, TCH 97175, AC 7396](#)

Santa Ana, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI, hit and run; Dangerous use of alcohol.

Actions: The license is voluntarily surrendered.
Effective 2/21/2024.

[Gedjeyan, Christine, RPH 79233, AC 7245](#)

Burbank, CA

Cause for discipline: Furnishing dangerous drugs without a prescription; Filling non-compliant prescriptions.

Actions: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.
Effective 2/21/2024.

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[Gonzalez, Lissette, TCH 153640, AC 7621](#)

Rialto, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a substantially related crime, DUI; Dangerous use of alcohol.

Actions: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for four years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Decision effective 3/15/2024.

[Gregory, Lori D., RPH 42534, AC 7570](#)

Coppell, TX

Cause for discipline: By the state of Texas, fraudulently created approximately 66 prescriptions and refills for controlled substances and dangerous drugs under fictitious patient names; Acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption when fraudulently creating prescriptions and refills; Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document that falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts; Obtain controlled substances by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or subterfuge, unlawful furnished and self-administered controlled substances; unlawfully possessed controlled substances; violation of state statutes, other states or United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 1/17/2024.

[John, Edie Marie, TCH 106042, AC 7388](#)

Ojai, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal conviction, DUI; Dangerous use of alcohol.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license

is placed on probation for five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 2/7/2024.

[Kamrudin, Farida Onali, INT 36740, AC 7356](#)

Santa Ana, CA

Cause for discipline: Unsafe to practice; Unprofessional conduct

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Decision effective 1/17/2024.

[Kamrudin, Farida Onali, Applicant, SI 7357](#)

Santa Ana, CA

Cause for discipline: Unsafe to practice; Unprofessional conduct.

Action: The application for a pharmacist license is granted. Upon satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory requirements, the license is issued, immediately revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for four years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 1/17/2024.

[Le, Cindy, RPH 59631, AC 7362](#)

Placentia, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal conviction for health care fraud; Commission of acts involving moral turpitude.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved subject to terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 3/29/2024.

[Lewandowski, Craig J., RPH 32003, AC 7576](#)

Tracy, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a crime, DUI; Use of alcohol in a dangerous manner

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Effective 2/21/2024.

[Lin, Hsiao-Chun, RPH 66454, AC 7259](#)

Irvine, CA

Cause for discipline:

Administration of adulterated vaccines; Unprofessional conduct; Fraud; Quality assurance program; Supervision of intern; Misuse of education.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for two years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 2/21/2024.

[Mansour, Paul, RPH 44325, AC 7573](#)

Sierra Madre, CA

Cause for discipline: Convicted of one felony count of health care fraud; committed acts of dishonesty, fraud, or deceit by admittedly defrauding Medicare; created false prescriptions; violated state statutes regulating controlled substances.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Decision effective 2/1/2024.

[Mendoza, Darline, TCH 131734, AC 7659](#)

Hesperia, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal conviction – DUI and child endangerment; Dangerous use of alcohol; Failure to notify Board of address change.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Effective 2/21/2024.

[Mendoza, Gilbert, TCH 143673, AC 7589](#)

Modesto, CA

Cause for discipline: Unlawfully possessed methamphetamine and heroin; act involving dishonesty.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Decision effective 2/1/2024.

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[Morfin, Gabriel, TCH 151569, AC 7387](#)

Fresno, CA

Cause for discipline: Commission of Act Involving Moral Turpitude; Unprofessional Conduct

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Effective 3/15/2024.

[Morones, Stacey N., TCH 145625, AC 7569](#)

Perris, CA

Cause for discipline: Violation of laws involving controlled substances, possessed cocaine; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Decision effective 2/1/2024.

[Murray, Lisa K., TCH 149139, AC 7586](#)

Paradise, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a crime, second cause for discipline, self-administration of controlled substances and/or dangerous use of drugs; Violating state laws regulating controlled substances.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Decision effective 2/21/2024.

[Nguyen, Brandon Azana, TCH 175967, AC 7652](#)

San Jose, CA

Cause for discipline: Convicted of possessing child pornography; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Effective 3/15/2024.

[Ochoa, Victor A., TCH 141812, AC 7562](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Mental Illness Affecting Competency to Practice

Pharmacy; Unprofessional Conduct.

Action: Through a disciplinary action of the Board, the license is voluntarily surrendered.

Decision effective 2/1/2024.

[O'Dell, Alicia Lynn, TCH 138528, AC 7550](#)

San Jose, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI; multiple alcohol-related criminal convictions; dangerous use of alcohol.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Decision effective 2/1/2024.

[Perez, Angela, TCH 171887, AC 7674](#)

Westminster, CA

Cause for discipline: Unprofessional conduct, act involving moral turpitude, fraud, deceit, or corruption; dangerous use of alcohol; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Effective 2/7/2024.

[Peroutka, Julie A., RPH 47729, AC 7315](#)

Shingle Springs, CA

Cause for discipline: Unprofessional conduct, moral, turpitude, dishonesty or deceit; unprofessional conduct, knowingly filling out a document with false facts; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The Accusation is dismissed.

Effective 3/31/2024.

[Rocha, Gloria S., TCH 155198, AC 7397](#)

Murrieta, CA

Cause for discipline: Committed acts involving moral turpitude and corruption; used alcohol in a manner dangerous to herself and others; violated state and federal laws regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs; convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a pharmacy technician; acts warranting denial of license; possession of a controlled

substance without a prescription.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Decision effective 1/17/2024.

[Rutherford, Christopher B., RPH 74766, AC 7575](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI; dangerous use of alcohol; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Decision effective 2/1/2024.

[Salas, Dulce, TCH 156794, AC 7580](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Convictions of substantially related crimes; DUI.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 1/17/2024.

[Seyyedi, Hamed, TCH 185324, AC 7622](#)

Woodland Hills, CA

Cause for discipline: Acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption, stole pills from CVS and sold them; violation of laws regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 1/17/2024.

[Sines, Alona Dawn, TCH 185266, AC 7523](#)

Fields Landing, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct, did not meet the training requirements to obtain licensure as pharmacy technicians.

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Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Decision effective 2/1/2024.

[Torres, Edgar, TCH 178869, AC 7460](#)

Riverside, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a substantially related crime; general unprofessional conduct; violation of statutes regulating controlled substances.

Actions: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 2/21/2024.

[Tran, Tina Thao, RPH 79844, AC 7259](#)

Fountain Valley, CA

Cause for discipline: Prohibited acts – administration of adulterated vaccines, engaged in the prohibited act of purchasing, trading, selling, and/or transferring dangerous drugs; unprofessional conduct; supervision of intern, directed and/or allowed two intern pharmacists to administer adulterated influenza vaccines to patients without the patients' knowledge; unprofessional conduct – misuse of education, knowingly administered or allowed for the administration of adulterated influenza vaccines to at least 321 patients.

Actions: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 2/21/2024.

[Truong, Nha Le Tuan, RPH 66285, AC 7361](#)

Fountain Valley, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal conviction for conspiracy to commit money laundering, convicted of crimes that are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed pharmacist; commission of acts involving moral turpitude.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 3/29/2024.

[Walker, Amanda R., TCH 167704, AC 7505](#)

Lodi, CA

Cause for discipline: Dangerous use of a controlled substance or dangerous drug; acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption, violation of statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Decision effective 2/21/2024.

[Wang, Fong-Chun, RPH 58435, AC 6967](#)

San Jose, CA

Cause for discipline: Pharmacy practice, washing and re-using medication vials; duty to consult, failed to provide a right to request consultation notice to patients who were receiving medications by delivery; variation from prescription; controlled substances prescription requirements; corresponding responsibility.

Action: Through a disciplinary

action of the Board, the license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Decision effective 3/29/2024.

[Williams, Quentasia Monae, TCH 181792, AC 7611](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal conviction, assault on person likely to produce great bodily injury; acts involving moral turpitude.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Decision effective 2/7/2024.

[Wright, Zachary D., RPH 75008, AC 7260](#)

Roseville, CA

Cause for discipline: Failed to maintain current inventory of dangerous drugs; failed to initiate an investigation of medication error within two business days; possession of controlled substances; furnished controlled substances for self-use; dangerous use of controlled substances and dangerous drugs; failed of pharmacist in charge to ensure compliance; committed acts of dishonesty and deceit when he stole dangerous drugs and controlled substances that had been prescribed to his wife and other family members without their knowledge or consent; administered controlled substances and dangerous drugs to himself in a manner or to an extent as to be unsafe to himself or others; convicted of inflicting corporal injury on a spouse or cohabitant, specified to be a misdemeanor.

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Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for four years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Decision effective 1/25/2024.

Facility Licenses

[ASD Specialty Healthcare, LLC DBA Oncology Supply, OSD 3321, AC 7213](#)

Dothan, AL

Cause for discipline: Acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; violation of statutes regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs; conviction of substantially related crime; out of state discipline.

Action: The revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 3/29/2024.

[Best Buy Drugs, PHY 55583, AC 7573](#)

Sierra Madre, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct; committed acts of dishonesty, fraud, or deceit by admittedly defrauding Medicare; forged prescriptions; violation of state statutes regulating controlled substances.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Decision effective 2/1/2024.

[Calaveras Pharmacy, PHY 54659, AC 6967](#)

Milpitas, CA

Cause for discipline: Pharmacy practice; duty to consult; variation from prescription; controlled substances prescription requirements, corresponding responsibility.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years subject to the terms and conditions

in the decision.

Effective 3/29/2024.

[Coastal Drugs, PHY 55429, AC 7484](#)

Long Beach, CA

Cause for discipline: Committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption, accepted financial compensation for and dispensed hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin to patients for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19; failed to maintain a current inventory for certain drugs and had insufficient records to explain discrepancies; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 1/26/2024.

[College Pharmacy, NRP 1034, AC 7153](#)

Colorado Springs, CO

Cause for discipline: Failure to maintain the quality of compounded sterile preparations; preparation and sale of adulterated drugs; failure to conduct sterility testing on the appropriate number of articles – compliance with USP; failure to support extended BUDs; failure to maintain complete compounding logs; incomplete labels for compounded sterile preparations.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 2/21/2024.

[College Pharmacy, NSC 99550, AC 7153](#)

Colorado Springs, CO

Cause for discipline: Failure to maintain the quality of compounded sterile preparations; preparation and

sale of adulterated drugs; failure to conduct sterility testing on the appropriate number of articles – compliance with USP; failure to support extended BUDs; failure to maintain complete compounding logs; incomplete labels for compounded sterile preparations.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Effective 2/21/2024.

[College Pharmacy, NSC 99550, SI 7358](#)

Colorado Springs, CO

Cause for discipline: Failure to maintain the quality of compounded sterile preparations; preparation and sale of adulterated drugs; failure to conduct sterility testing on the appropriate number of articles – compliance with USP; failure to support extended BUDs; failure to maintain complete compounding logs; incomplete labels for compounded sterile preparations.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Effective 2/21/2024.

[CVS Pharmacy #3022, PHY 49564, AC 7370](#)

Galt, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to timely notify Board of new pharmacist in charge; failure to timely notify Board of change of status of pharmacist in charge; misrepresentation of facts; pharmacy operation without a pharmacist in charge.

Action: The license is publicly reprobated subject to terms and conditions in the decision.

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[CVS Specialty, PHY 39314, AC 7225](#)

Redlands, CA

Cause for discipline: Obstructing patients from obtaining prescriptions; dispensing expired drugs.

Action: The license is publicly reprobated subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Decision effective 1/17/2024.

[Walgreens #02170, PHY 52815, AC 7260](#)

Auburn, CA

Cause for discipline: Failed to maintain current inventory of dangerous drugs; failed to initiate an investigation of medication error within two business days; failed to report impairment of licensed individual to the Board.

Action: The license is publicly reprobated subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Decision effective 1/25/2024.

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Personal Licenses

[Abram, Michael A., RPH 64451, AC 7470](#)

Lompoc, CA

Cause for discipline: Unprofessional conduct – acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption, diverted controlled substances for his own personal use; obtained controlled substances by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; unlawful possession of controlled substance.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years subject to the terms

and conditions in the decision. Effective 5/26/2024.

[Altamirano, Alexander J., TCH 122738, AC 7695](#)

Fresno, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a substantially related crime; acts involving moral turpitude, engage in acts of physical violence.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 5/16/2024.

[Arbab, Azita, RPH 47420, AC 7581](#)

Newport Beach, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to comply with Board order, required to submit to a mental and/or physical examination.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 6/19/2024.

[Bakmazjian, Gregory A., TCH 89393, AC 7679](#)

Burbank, CA

Cause for discipline: Acts involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; violation of Pharmacy Laws, furnishing dangerous drug without prescription; violation of laws governing controlled substances.

Action: Interim Suspension order is granted. Effective 6/21/2024.

[Brewer, Athena M., TCH 184731, AC 7528](#)

Modesto, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal conviction, discharge of a firearm in a grossly negligent manner; act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption, consumed shots of

tequila before firing her gun at her ex-boyfriend; unprofessional conduct; actions or conduct that would have warranted denial of a license; revoke probation, failure to report to the Board, failure to interview with the Board, failure to cooperate with Board staff, failure to submit proof of certification, failure to undergo clinical diagnostic evaluation, failure to participate in drug and alcohol testing, failure to attend substance abuse recover relapse prevention and support groups.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 5/16/2024.

[Burkes, Terry, RPH 35553, AC 7650](#)

Sacramento, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a substantially related crime, assault.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 4/3/2024.

[Camacho, Eduardo, INT 49058, AC 7532](#)

Loma Linda, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a substantially related crime; DUI.

Action: The license is publicly reprobated subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 3/22/2024.

[Cortez, Myrna B., RPH 46795, AC 7424](#)

Pasadena, CA

Cause for discipline: Purchase/sell adulterated drugs in violation pharmacy law; hold/offer to sell adulterated drugs in

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violation of drug laws; violation of drug supply chain security act; receipt of dangerous drugs by non-pharmacist; inappropriate exercise of education, training or experience; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for two years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 5/8/2024.

[Crawford, Sydney, TCH 168670, AC 7665](#)

San Bernardino, CA

Cause for discipline: Acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption; violation of laws regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 4/3/2024.

[Davis, Ashleigh Rae, TCH 168639, AC 7567](#)

Melbourne, FL

Cause for discipline: Unprofessional conduct, unlawful possession of pharmacy key; unlawful access to dangerous drugs; subverting the Board's investigation, acts of dishonesty, deceit and corruption; unprofessional conduct, compounding violations, violation regulations; making any certificate or other document that falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 6/19/2024.

[De Velasco, Steve, TCH 106550, AC 7463](#)

North Hollywood, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a substantially related crime; dangerous use of alcohol; knowingly made false statement of fact

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/14/2024.

[Dominguez, Jason S., TCH 83620, AC 7601](#)

Palmdale, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal conviction, DUI; dangerous use of alcohol; false information in a license renewal application; acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 4/3/2024.

[El Dahmy, Ahmed S., APH 10519, AC 7034](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: Commission of acts involving dishonest, fraud, or deceit; knowingly making or signing document that falsely represent facts; disseminated false, fraudulent, misleading or deceptive public communication; procured a license by fraud

or misrepresentation; furnished drugs without valid prescriptions; deviating from a prescription; dispensing unauthorized medication deviating from a prescription; failure to report to CURES; subverting an investigation; failure to review drug therapies; compounding without master formulas; failure to maintain compounding log; compounding copies of commercially available drugs; dispensing medication not properly labeled; receipt of drugs by non-pharmacist; inappropriate exercise of education, training or experience; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 5/3/2024.

[El Dahmy, Ahmed S., RPH 66936, AC 7034](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: Commission of acts involving dishonest, fraud, or deceit; knowingly making or signing document that falsely represent facts; disseminated false, fraudulent, misleading or deceptive public communication; procured a license by fraud or misrepresentation; furnished drugs without valid prescriptions; deviating from a prescription; dispensing unauthorized medication deviating from a prescription; failure to report to CURES; subverting an investigation; failure to review drug therapies; compounding without master

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formulas; failure to maintain compounding log; compounding copies of commercially available drugs; dispensing medication not properly labeled; receipt of drugs by non-pharmacist; inappropriate exercise of education, training or experience; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 5/3/2024.

[El-Shatanoufy, Maii, RPH 63672, AC 7228](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline:

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 4/3/2024.

[Elam, Diamond Jones, TCH 108411, AC 7615](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal conviction, DUI; dangerous use of alcohol

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 5/8/2024.

[Elsherbiny, Halima U., TCH 170088, AC 7668](#)

Costa Mesa, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional Conduct: Acts Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty and Deceit; unprofessional Conduct;

dangerous use of drugs; unlawful use of controlled substances.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 5/23/2024.

[Esparza, Reyna Ericka, TCH 51094, AC 7617](#)

Oakland, CA

Cause for discipline: Multiple substantially related criminal convictions, DUI and assault; dangerous use of alcohol; conviction of more than one misdemeanor or felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any drug or alcoholic beverage.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 3/22/2024.

[Etminan, Mohammad Reza, RPH 41937, AC 7265](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline:

Adulterated drugs; failure to maintain current records; failure to maintain current inventory; failure to comply with requirements for faxed controlled substance prescriptions; held or offered for sale misbranded drugs; dishonest acts; made documents that falsely represent facts; unlawful purchase of dangerous drugs from another pharmacy; violation of laws of other state agency.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 6/19/2024.

[Gamez, Daniel A., TCH 173315, AC 7609](#)

Hemet, CA

Cause for discipline: Illegal possession of a controlled substance; unprofessional conduct, moral turpitude, dishonest, fraud, deceit, or corruption; violation of statutes regulating controlled substances; subverting or attempting to subvert Board investigation.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 5/3/2024.

[Geer, Samantha, TCH 159859, AC 7521](#)

Bakersfield, CA

Cause for discipline: Attempted diversion of a controlled substance; unlawful possession of a controlled substance; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 4/24/2024.

[Gendy, John A., RPH 74410, AC 7116](#)

Pico Rivera, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct, fraudulently obtained uncertain prescriptions and dispensed to himself; erroneous or uncertain prescriptions, billed insurance for non-existent prescriptions.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 5/8/2024.

[Goldina, Yelina, RPH 51771, AC 7431](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to maintain current inventory of dangerous drugs; failure to

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maintain records; unprofessional conduct.

Action: Citation shall be issued and the accusation shall be withdrawn subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/19/2024.

[Gomez Zafra, Eric, TCH 166938, AC 7606](#)

Fallbrook, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal conviction of a substantially related crime; dangerous use of alcohol

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 5/23/2024.

[Hernandez, Edgar A., TCH 149269, AC 7644](#)

Perris, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI conviction; dangerous use of alcohol.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 4/3/2024.

[Hernandez, Karen, TCH 164552, AC 7579](#)

Long Beach, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct; dangerous use of alcohol

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 4/17/2024.

[Hildenbrand, James A., TCH 129986, AC 7642](#)

Chico, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct-

conviction of crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of licensee; use of alcoholic beverage to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 3/22/2024.

[Islas, Stephanie Bianca, TCH 113455, AC 7542](#)

San Bernardino, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct, dangerous use of alcohol

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 5/23/2024.

[Jethva, Anand Bipin, TCH 168849, AC 7673](#)

Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Cause for discipline: Criminal conviction, fleeing a pursuing peach officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly; acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 3/22/2024.

[Jin, Stella Young-Mi, RPH 65190, AC 7265](#)

Santa Fe Springs, CA,

Cause for discipline:

Adulterated drugs; failure to maintain current records; failure to maintain current inventory; failure to comply with requirements for faxed controlled substance prescriptions; held or offered for sale misbranded drugs; dishonest acts; made documents that falsely represent facts; unlawful purchase of dangerous drugs from another pharmacy

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/19/2024.

[Kang, Khunneary, TCH 186857, AC 7688](#)

Stockton, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal conviction; dangerous use of alcohol beverages to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to oneself, others and the public

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 5/3/2024.

[Katabchi, Sheida E., RPH 81734, AC 7637](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct, moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; violation of law regulating controlled substances; failure to timely notify the Board of disassociation as a pharmacist in charge.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 5/8/2024.

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[Kim, Brian S., RPH 65658, AC 7422](#)

Anaheim, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with corresponding responsibility for controlled substance prescriptions; dispensing controlled substances prescriptions with significant errors, omissions, irregularities, uncertainties, ambiguities or alterations; failure to maintain records; failure to maintain current inventory.

Action: The license is revoked the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for two years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 5/3/2024.

[Koshland, Peter H., RPH 51804, AC 7147](#)

San Francisco, CA

Cause for discipline: No container closure integrity tests; No stability studies; non-identical ingredients; adulterated preparations; incorrect compounded steps; no pharmacist signature; no manufacturer information; no documentation of beyond use date; incorrect beyond use date; failure to support assigned beyond use date; failure to maintain quality of assigned sterile preparations; adulterated preparations.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for two years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/5/2024.

[Lazcano, Erik J., TCH 176578, AC 7660](#)

Yucaipa, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of substantially related crime; dangerous use of alcohol and/or controlled substance/Dangerous Drug; illegal possession of a controlled substance/dangerous drug.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Decision effective 5/16/2024.

[Lee, Eugene, RPH 79384, AC 7336](#)

Sunland, CA

Cause for discipline: Failed to fill corresponding responsibility by repeatedly failing to recognize and resolve irregularities and/or red flags in dispensing practices; gross negligence

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 4/24/2024.

[Lewis, Zachary J., TCH 170330, AC 7512](#)

La Palma, CA

Cause for discipline: Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; unlawful use of a controlled substance; dishonesty or moral turpitude; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 5/8/2024.

[Lima, Ramona, RPH 46446, AC 7269](#)

Eureka, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to maintain the quality

of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparations; failure to conduct pyrogen and USP 71 complaint sterility testing; failure to support extended beyond use dates; failure to maintain complete compounding logs; production of human whole blood derivatives without a license.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/5/2024.

[Ly, Minh T., RPH 68160, AC 7422](#)

Fountain Valley, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to comply with corresponding responsibility for controlled substance prescriptions; dispensed controlled substance prescription with significant errors, omissions, irregularities, uncertainties, ambiguities or alterations; failure to maintain records; failure to maintain current inventory.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for four years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 5/3/2024.

[Nasca, Denise F., TCH 25273, AC 7566](#)

Sacramento, CA

Cause for discipline: Possessing, administering and/or furnishing a controlled substance to oneself without a valid prescription; administering a controlled substance in a dangerous/injurious manner

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and/or impaired ability to safely practice; moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 4/24/2024.

[Pavlovich, Michael Anthony, RPH 42798, AC 7438](#)

Newport Beach, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to support beyond use date; misbranding of prescriptions; unlawful sale of misbranded prescriptions.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved subject to terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 6/19/2024.

[Rahmani, Yasmin, RPH 58713, AC 7309](#)

Beverly Hills, CA

Cause for discipline: Convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, duties and functions of a pharmacist; acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit, forging signatures; false documents; inappropriate exercise of education, training or experience.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 5/16/2024.

[Rebollar, Raquel, TCH 184736, AC 7697](#)

Vista, CA

Cause for discipline:

Commission of acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit; knowingly making or signing any document that falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of facts; criminal conviction for violent conduct; dangerous use of alcohol; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Decision effective 5/16/2024.

[Reiss, William Herman, EXC 26864, AC 7468](#)

East Windsor, NJ

Cause for discipline:

Failure to have a designated representative-in-charge; failure to notify Board of change in designated representative-in-charge; acting as a designated representative-in-charge without a license.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved subject to terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 6/19/2024.

[Sarkisian, Maria, RPH 42868, AC 7453](#)

Encino, CA

Cause for discipline: Transfer and warehousing of pharmacy records at unlicensed location; improper billing; concealing ownership of license; falsification of documents; failure to engage in licensed activity for at least 120 days.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 6/5/2024.

[Stokes, Regina, TCH 14305, AC 7730](#)

Castaic, CA

Cause for discipline: Unlawful possession of a controlled substances and dangerous drugs without a prescription; unprofessional conduct, moral turpitude, dishonestly, fraud, deceit or corruption; obtained controlled substances by fraud, deceit, subterfuge or concealment of material fact; unprofessional conduct, violations of controlled substance statutes.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Effective 6/05/2024.

[Sutton, Hannah, TCH 92210, AC 7517](#)

Thousand Oaks, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI conviction; dangerous use of alcoholic beverages and/or a controlled substance.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 5/3/2024.

[Thompson, Ian, TCH 102937, AC 7472](#)

El Sobrante, CA

Cause for discipline: Commission of acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; use of dangerous drug an alcoholic beverage; alcohol-related convictions; substantially-related convictions; conduct that would have warranted denial of a license.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

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[Todd, Cristina, RPH 54293, AC 6822](#)

Visalia, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to perform qualitative/quantitative analysis of compounded drugs; failure to provide adequate authority to PIC; operation of pharmacy without PIC; failure to properly submit CURES data; act involving moral turpitude, dishonest, fraud, deceit, or corruption, dishonest acts ; false statements; monitoring of non-sterile hazardous compound room; failure to assign accurate beyond-use-date to compounded products; subverting and investigation and failure to cooperate with Board; operation of pharmacy without PIC; failure to maintain prescription documents; charging for prescription medication not provided false statement to Board inspector ; operation pharmacy without PUIIC; failure to provide adequate authority to PIC; monitoring of non-sterile hazardous compound room; failure to set up receipt of electronic prescriptions.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 6/14/2024.

[Walker, Celena C., TCH 192266, AC 7624](#)

Sacramento, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct;

transporting Fentanyl tablets for sale.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Effective 5/3/2024.

[Wang, Shi-Ling A., TCH 144698, AC 7640](#)

Chico, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a substantially related crime; dangerous use of alcohol.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Effective 4/24/2024.

[Zeledon, Jose Santos, TCH 63820, AC 7307](#)

San Jose, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct, act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Effective 6/5/2024.

Facility Licenses

[Acrotech Biopharma, Inc., OSD 7659, AC 7468](#)

East Windsor, NJ

Cause for discipline:

Failure to have a designated representative-in-charge; failure to notify Board of change in designated representative-in-charge; acting as a designated representative-in-charge.

Action: The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 6/19/2024.

[Better Life Pharmacy, PHY 56846, AC 7116](#)

Pico Rivera, CA

Cause for discipline: Erroneous or uncertain prescriptions; unprofessional conduct for not having initial inventory completed since operating in 2018; unprofessional conduct; erroneous or uncertain prescriptions; maintenance of prescription and other records.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Effective 5/8/2024.

[Blessing Pharmacy Inc., PHY 57816, AC 7662](#)

Westminster, CA

Cause for discipline:

Maintenance of records of dangerous drugs and devices, current inventory; dishonest, fraudulent, deceitful and corrupt acts; knowingly making or signing false documents; dishonest fraudulent, deceitful and corrupt acts; knowingly making or signing false documents; unprofessional conduct, operational standards; misbranded and adulterated drugs; no biennial inventory of controlled substances; conducting business with no pharmacist-in-charge between March 15, 2021, and June 2, 2021; conducting business with no pharmacist-in-charge since June 14, 2023.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Effective 5/31/2024.

[Coastal Drugs, PHY 55429, AC 7591](#)

Long Beach, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to maintain operation standards and security; failure to account

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for controlled substances.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Effective 5/8/2024.

[Desert Rx Pharmacy, PHY 56893, AC 7333](#)

Palm Desert, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing uncertain prescriptions; dishonesty, fraud, deceit; shipping to states not authorized to receive dangerous drugs/ devices.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Effective 5/23/2024.

[Eldahmy Wellness Pharmacy, PHY 55929, AC 7034](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline:

Commission of acts involving dishonest, fraud or deceit; disseminated false, fraudulent, misleading or deceptive public communications; furnished drugs without valid prescriptions; deviating from a prescription; dispensing unauthorized medication; failure to report to CURES; subverting an investigation; failure to review drug therapies; compounding without master formulas; failure to maintain compounding log a; compounding copies of commercial available drugs; dispensing medication not properly labeled; receipt of drugs by non-pharmacist; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered. The effective date

shall be stayed until August 31, 2024, at which time the pharmacy shall be sold or closed. Effective 5/3/2024.

[Eldahmy Wellness Pharmacy, PHY 56944, AC 7034](#)

La Jolla, CA

Cause for discipline:

Commission of acts involving dishonest, fraud or deceit; disseminated false, fraudulent, misleading or deceptive public communications; furnished drugs without valid prescriptions; deviating from a prescription; dispensing unauthorized medication; failure to report to CURES; subverting an investigation; failure to review drug therapies; compounding without master formulas; failure to maintain compounding log a; compounding copies of commercial available drugs; dispensing medication not properly labeled; receipt of drugs by non-pharmacist; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Effective 5/3/2024.

[Golden State Specialty Pharmacy Inc., PHY 54580, AC 7453](#)

Burbank, CA

Cause for discipline: Transfer and warehousing of pharmacy records at unlicensed location; improper billing, billed a health insurer for prescriptions which patients did not request of receive; concealing ownership of license; falsification of documents; failure to engage in licensed activity for at least 120 days.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Effective 5/3/2024.

[Golden State Specialty Pharmacy Inc., Applicant, Case SI 7355](#)

Burbank, CA

Cause for discipline: Transfer and warehousing of pharmacy records at unlicensed location; Improper billing; Concealing ownership of license improper billing; falsification of documents; failure to engage in licensed activity for at least 120 days.

Action: The application is denied.

Effective 5/3/2024.

[Koshland Pharm: Custom Compounding Pharmacy, LSC 99955, AC 7147](#)

San Francisco, CA

Cause for discipline: No container closure integrity tests; No stability studies; non-identical ingredients; adulterated preparations; incorrect compounded steps; no pharmacist signature; no manufacturer information; no documentation of beyond use date; incorrect beyond use date; failure to support assigned beyond use date; failure to maintain quality of assigned sterile preparations; adulterated preparations.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for two years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/5/2024.

[Koshland Pharm: Custom Compounding Pharmacy, PHY 50041, AC 7147](#)

San Francisco, CA

Cause for discipline: No

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container closure integrity tests; No stability studies; non-identical ingredients; adulterated preparations; incorrect compounded steps; no pharmacist signature; no manufacturer information; no documentation of beyond use date; incorrect beyond use date; failure to support assigned beyond use date; failure to maintain quality of assigned sterile preparations; adulterated preparations.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for two years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/5/2024.

[Lima's Professional Pharmacy Inc., PHY 43124, AC 7269](#)

Eureka, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to maintain the quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparations; failure to conduct pyrogen and USP 71 complaint sterility testing; failure to support extended beyond use dates; failure to maintain complete compounding logs; production of human complete compounding logs; production of human whole blood derivatives without a license.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/5/2024.

[Lima's Professional Pharmacy Inc., LSC 100544, AC 7269](#)

Eureka, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to maintain the quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparations; failure to conduct pyrogen and USP 71 complaint sterility testing; failure to support extended beyond use dates; failure to maintain complete compounding logs; production of human complete compounding logs; production of human whole blood derivatives without a license.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/5/2024.

[Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, HSP 22388, AC 7412](#)

Long Beach, CA

Cause for discipline: Inaccurate medication profile for high-risk patient; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 5/23/2024.

[Lovvit Pharmacy, PHY 58361, AC 7336](#)

Valley Village, CA

Cause for discipline: Failed to fulfill its corresponding responsibility by repeatedly failing to recognize and resolve irregularities and/or red flags in the its dispensing practices; unprofessional conduct, gross negligence.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for

five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 4/24/2024.

[Lovvit Pharmacy, PHY 57778, AC 7336](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Failed to fulfill its corresponding responsibility by repeatedly failing to recognize and resolve irregularities and/or red flags in its dispensing practices; unprofessional conduct, gross negligence.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 4/24/2024.

[Medical Center Pharmacy #1, PHY 58443, AC 7594](#)

Chula Vista, CA

Cause for discipline: Unprofessional conduct, abandoned controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs and/or patient records, and failed to notify the board of their closure; failure to maintain security.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 5/8/2024.

[Medical Center Pharmacy #2, PHY 58439, AC 7594](#)

Chula Vista, CA

Cause for discipline: Unprofessional conduct, abandoned controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs and/or patient records, and failed to notify the board of their closure; failure to maintain security.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

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[Medical Center Pharmacy #9, PHY 58441, AC 7594](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct, abandoned controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs and/or patient records, and failed to notify the board of their closure; failure to maintain security.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 5/8/2024.

[Medical Center Pharmacy #12, PHY 58444, AC 7594](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct, abandoned controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs and/or patient records, and failed to notify the board of their closure; failure to maintain security.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 5/8/2024.

[Medical Center Pharmacy #13, PHY 58440, AC 7594](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct, abandoned controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs and/or patient records, and failed to notify the board of their closure; failure to maintain security.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or

operate has ended.

Effective 5/8/2024.

[Medical Center Pharmacy LTC, PHY 58442, AC 7594](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct, abandoned controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs and/or patient records, and failed to notify the board of their closure; failure to maintain security.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Decision effective 5/8/2024.

[Nature's Pharmacy, PHY 48984, AC 6822](#)

Visalia, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to perform qualitative/quantitative analysis of compounded drugs; failure to provide adequate authority to PIC; operation of pharmacy without PIC; failure to properly submit CURES data; CURES reporting violation by PIC; acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; dishonest acts; false statements, knowingly made a false statement on a document; monitoring of non-sterile hazardous compounding room; operation of pharmacy without a PIC; failure to assign accurate beyond use date to compounded products; subverting and investigation and failure to cooperate with Board; operation of pharmacy without PIC; failure to maintain prescription documents; charging for prescription medication not provided; false statement to Board inspector;

failure to notify patient to incorrect beyond use date; operation of pharmacy without PIC failure to provide adequate authority to PIC; monitoring of non-sterile hazardous compound room; failure to set up receipt of electronic prescriptions.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 6/14/2024.

[Olympia Pharmacy, NRP 1525, AC 7088](#)

Orlando, FL

Cause for discipline: Failure to properly label compounded drug preparations; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparations; unlicensed nonresident outsourcing facility compounding/furnishing drugs; failure to comply with furnish a reasonable quantity for prescriber office use; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs; misbranded-compounding with active ingredient from unregistered manufacturer; failure to properly label compounded drug preparations; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparations; unlicensed nonresident outsourcing facility compounding/furnishing drugs; failure to comply with requirements to furnish a reasonable quantity for prescriber office use; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs;

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compounding limitations and requirements; stability study required to support extended BUD; failure to properly label compounded drug preparations; CSP labeled with BUD exceeding the shortest BUD of ingredients compounded; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparations; failure to have a written master formula for compounding; compounding limitations and requirements; failure to obtain prescriber's signature; unlicensed nonresident outsourcing facility compounding/furnishing drugs; failure to maintain USP-NF compounding standards; failure to acquire and retain certificate of analysis; failure to maintain facility sanitation; failure to maintain and follow SOPs for compounding; failure to include a written procedure if CSP found outside minimum standards; failure to consult; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs; failure to maintain written policies and procedures and for compounding; failure to maintain United States Pharmacopeia-National formulary compounding standards; omission of licensee's name on label; false certification/documentation of facts; labeling requirements-inappropriate instructions for storage, handling administration; unlicensed activity-outsourcing; improper labeling of a controlled substance; failure to provide Board with timely notice of

recall; failure to provide Board with notice of contract to compound drug for parenteral therapy; quality assurance plan-written procedures; written master formula; adverse effects reporting; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparation; training and evaluation of compounding staff-hand hygiene; gross negligence; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs.

Action: The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 5/23/2024.

[Olympia Pharmacy, NSC 100818, AC 7088](#)

Orlando, FL

Cause for discipline: Failure to properly label compounded drug preparations; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparations; unlicensed nonresident outsourcing facility compounding/furnishing drugs; failure to comply with furnish a reasonable quantity for prescriber office use; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs; misbranded-compounding with active ingredient from unregistered manufacturer; failure to properly label compounded drug preparations; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparations; unlicensed nonresident outsourcing facility compounding/furnishing drugs; failure to comply with requirements to furnish a reasonable

quantity for prescriber office use; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs; compounding limitations and requirements; stability study required to support extended BUD; failure to properly label compounded drug preparations; CSP labeled with BUD exceeding the shortest BUD of ingredients compounded; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparations; failure to have a written master formula for compounding; compounding limitations and requirements; failure to obtain prescriber's signature; unlicensed nonresident outsourcing facility compounding/furnishing drugs; failure to maintain USP-NF compounding standards; failure to acquire and retain certificate of analysis; failure to maintain facility sanitation; failure to maintain and follow SOPs for compounding; failure to include a written procedure if CSP found outside minimum standards; failure to consult; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs; failure to maintain written policies and procedures and for compounding; failure to maintain United States Pharmacopeia-National formulary compounding standards; omission of licensee's name on label; false certification/documentation of facts; labeling requirements-inappropriate instructions for storage, handling administration; unlicensed activity-outsourcing; improper labeling of a controlled substance; failure to provide

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Board with timely notice of recall; failure to provide Board with notice of contract to compound drug for parenteral therapy; quality assurance plan-written procedures; written master formula; adverse effects reporting; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparation; training and evaluation of compounding staff-hand hygiene; gross negligence; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs.

Action: The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 5/23/2024.

[Olympia Pharmacy, Applicant, SI 7089](#)

Orlando, FL

Cause for discipline: Failure to properly label compounded drug preparations; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparations; unlicensed nonresident outsourcing facility compounding/furnishing drugs; failure to comply with furnish a reasonable quantity for prescriber office use; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs; misbranded-compounding with active ingredient from unregistered manufacturer; failure to properly label compounded drug preparations; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparations; unlicensed nonresident outsourcing facility compounding/

furnishing drugs; failure to comply with requirements to furnish a reasonable quantity for prescriber office use; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs; compounding limitations and requirements; stability study required to support extended BUD; failure to properly label compounded drug preparations; CSP labeled with BUD exceeding the shortest BUD of ingredients compounded; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparations; failure to have a written master formula for compounding; compounding limitations and requirements; failure to obtain prescriber's signature; unlicensed nonresident outsourcing facility compounding/furnishing drugs; failure to maintain USP-NF compounding standards; failure to acquire and retain certificate of analysis; failure to maintain facility sanitation; failure to maintain and follow SOPs for compounding; failure to include a written procedure if CSP found outside minimum standards; failure to consult; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs; failure to maintain written policies and procedures and for compounding; failure to maintain United States Pharmacopeia-National formulary compounding standards; omission of licensee's name on label; false certification/documentation of facts; labeling requirements-inappropriate instructions for storage, handling administration; unlicensed activity-outsourcing;

improper labeling of a controlled substance; failure to provide Board with timely notice of recall; failure to provide Board with notice of contract to compound drug for parenteral therapy; quality assurance plan-written procedures; written master formula; adverse effects reporting; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparation; training and evaluation of compounding staff-hand hygiene; gross negligence; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs.

Action: The Application for a Nonresident Pharmacy Permit is granted. Upon satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory requirements, the license is issued, immediately revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for four years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 5/23/2024.

[Olympia Pharmacy, Applicant, SI 7089](#)

Orlando, FL

Cause for discipline: Failure to properly label compounded drug preparations; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparations; unlicensed nonresident outsourcing facility compounding/furnishing drugs; failure to comply with furnish a reasonable quantity for prescriber office use; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs; misbranded-compounding with active ingredient from unregistered

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manufacturer; failure to properly label compounded drug preparations; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparations; unlicensed nonresident outsourcing facility compounding/furnishing drugs; failure to comply with requirements to furnish a reasonable quantity for prescriber office use; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs; compounding limitations and requirements; stability study required to support extended BUD; failure to properly label compounded drug preparations; CSP labeled with BUD exceeding the shortest BUD of ingredients compounded; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparations; failure to have a written master formula for compounding; compounding limitations and requirements; failure to obtain prescriber's signature; unlicensed nonresident outsourcing facility compounding/furnishing drugs; failure to maintain USP-NF compounding standards; failure to acquire and retain certificate of analysis; failure to maintain facility sanitation; failure to maintain and follow SOPs for compounding; failure to include a written procedure if CSP found outside minimum standards; failure to consult; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs; failure to maintain written policies and procedures

and for compounding; failure to maintain United States Pharmacopeia-National formulary compounding standards; omission of licensee's name on label; false certification/documentation of facts; labeling requirements-inappropriate instructions for storage, handling administration; unlicensed activity-outsourcing; improper labeling of a controlled substance; failure to provide Board with timely notice of recall; failure to provide Board with notice of contract to compound drug for parenteral therapy; quality assurance plan-written procedures; written master formula; adverse effects reporting; failure to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; adulterated preparation; training and evaluation of compounding staff-hand hygiene; gross negligence; compounding and furnishing misbranded drugs.

Action: The Application for a Nonresident Sterile Compounding Permit is granted. Upon satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory requirements, the license is issued, immediately revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for four years subject to Effective 5/23/2024.

[Plaza West Pharmacy, PHY 50644, AC 7431](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to maintain current inventory; failure to maintain records' unprofessional conduct.

Action: A citation shall be issued and the accusation shall be

withdrawn subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/19/2024.

[Rite Aid #6091, PHY 44063, AC 7421](#)

Oroville, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to timely propose permanent pharmacist in charge; failure to timely notify Board of change of status of pharmacist in charge; misrepresentation of facts; pharmacy operation without a pharmacist in charge; improper operational standards and security; failure to maintain records.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for two years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 3/22/2024.

[San Diego Optimum Compounding, LSC 100831, AC 7228](#)

Poway, CA

Cause for discipline: Variation from prescription; failure to comply with regulations; failure to keep accurate record keeping for compounded drugs; failure to train compounding staff; defective compounding quality assurance plan; unlicensed pharmacy practice, incorrect public signage; failure to comply with compounding standards; unauthorized dispensing; unprofessional conduct, making false records; failure to maintain facilities, space. Fixtures and equipment; variations from prescriptions; dispensing erroneous or uncertain prescriptions; unlawful office

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dispensing; unlawful assignment of beyond use date, non-sterile preparations; failure to assign an appropriate BUD, sterile preparations; failure to support an assigned extended BUD; failure to keep required records of compounding, incomplete compounding log; incorrect labeling of sterile compound; failure to follow the pharmacies own polices and procedures; failure to keep equipment stored, used, maintained and cleaned in accordance with manufacturers' specifications; preparing sterile compounding in a noncompliant location; failure to demonstrate skill and training; failure to have all required written policies and procedures for compounding; failure to use germicidal detergent daily; failure to properly store cleaning materials; failure to maintain sterile compounding area's temperature; failure to conduct initial competency evaluation; failure to perform end product sterility testing; failure to label single dose containers and discard; failure to label, store and discard multi dose containers; failure to have records available for review; subverting an investigation; failure to have a complete quality assurance plan.
Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Effective 4/3/2024.

[San Diego Optimum Compounding, LSC 100831, SI 7383](#)

Poway, CA

Cause for discipline: Variation

from prescription; failure to comply with regulations; failure to keep accurate record keeping for compounded drugs; failure to train compounding staff; defective compounding quality assurance plan; unlicensed pharmacy practice, incorrect public signage; failure to comply with compounding standards; unauthorized dispensing; unprofessional conduct, making false records; failure to maintain facilities, space. Fixtures and equipment; variations from prescriptions; dispensing erroneous or uncertain prescriptions; unlawful office dispensing; unlawful assignment of beyond use date, non-sterile preparations; failure to assign an appropriate BUD, sterile preparations; failure to support an assigned extended BUD; failure to keep required records of compounding, incomplete compounding log; incorrect labeling of sterile compound; failure to follow the pharmacies own polices and procedures; failure to keep equipment stored, used, maintained and cleaned in accordance with manufacturers' specifications; preparing sterile compounding in a noncompliant location; failure to demonstrate skill and training; failure to have all required written policies and procedures for compounding; failure to use germicidal detergent daily; failure to properly store cleaning materials; failure to maintain sterile compounding area's temperature; failure to conduct initial competency evaluation; failure to perform end product sterility testing; failure to label

single dose containers and discard; failure to label, store and discard multi dose containers; failure to have records available for review; subverting an investigation; failure to have a complete quality assurance plan.
Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Effective 4/3/2024.

[San Diego Optimum Compounding, PHY 53633, AC 7228](#)

Poway, CA

Cause for discipline: Variation from prescription; failure to comply with regulations; failure to keep accurate record keeping for compounded drugs; failure to train compounding staff; defective compounding quality assurance plan; unlicensed pharmacy practice, incorrect public signage; failure to comply with compounding standards; unauthorized dispensing; unprofessional conduct, making false records; failure to maintain facilities, space. Fixtures and equipment; variations from prescriptions; dispensing erroneous or uncertain prescriptions; unlawful office dispensing; unlawful assignment of beyond use date, non-sterile preparations; failure to assign an appropriate BUD, sterile preparations; failure to support an assigned extended BUD; failure to keep required records of compounding, incomplete compounding log; incorrect labeling of sterile compound; failure to follow the pharmacies own polices and procedures; failure to keep equipment stored,

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used, maintained and cleaned in accordance with manufacturers' specifications; preparing sterile compounding in a noncompliant location; failure to demonstrate skill and training; failure to have all required written policies and procedures for compounding; failure to use germicidal detergent daily; failure to properly store cleaning materials; failure to maintain sterile compounding area's temperature; failure to conduct initial competency evaluation; failure to perform end product sterility testing; failure to label single dose containers and discard; failure to label, store and discard multi dose containers; failure to have records available for review; subverting an investigation; failure to have a complete quality assurance plan.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 4/3/2024.

[San Jose Market Consolidated Distribution Center, WLS 4891, AC 7462](#)

San Jose, CA

Cause for discipline:

Operation without designated representative in charge; failure to notify.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 3/22/2024.

[Total Remedy and Prescription Center, PHY 53269, AC 7265](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline:

Adulterated drugs; failure to maintain current records; failure to maintain current inventory; failure to comply with requirements for faxed controlled substance prescriptions; held or offered for sale misbranded drugs; dishonest acts; made documents that falsely represent facts; unlawful purchase of dangerous drugs from another pharmacy; violation of laws of other state agency.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 6/19/2024.

[Westcliff Compounding Pharmacy, PHY 50599, AC 7438](#)

Newport Beach, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to support beyond use date; misbranding of prescription; unlawful sale of misbranded prescriptions.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/19/2024.

[Westcliff Compounding Pharmacy, LSC 100822, AC 7438](#)

Newport Beach, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to support beyond use date; misbranding of prescription; unlawful sale of misbranded prescriptions.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/19/2024.

[Wedgewood Village Pharmacy, NRP 2526, AC 7286](#)

Swedesboro, NJ

Cause for discipline:

Assignment of unsupported

extended beyond use dates; incomplete compounding records; gross negligence; knowingly making or signing a false document; acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 3/22/2024.

[Wedgewood Village Pharmacy, NRP 1826, AC 7286](#)

Swedesboro, NJ

Cause for discipline:

Assignment of unsupported extended beyond use dates; incomplete compounding records; gross negligence; knowingly making or signing a false document; acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 3/22/2024.

[Wedgewood Village Pharmacy, NSC 101673, AC 7286](#)

Swedesboro, NJ

Cause for discipline:

Assignment of unsupported extended beyond use dates; incomplete compounding records; gross negligence; knowingly making or signing a false document; acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 3/22/2024.

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Wedgewood Village Pharmacy, NSC 100970, AC 7286

Swedesboro, NJ

Cause for discipline:

Assignment of unsupported extended beyond use dates; incomplete compounding records; gross negligence; knowingly making or signing a false document; acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption.

Action: The license is publicly reprobated subject to terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 3/22/2024.

Wise Buy Drugs, PHY 21430, AC 7524

Bakersfield, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing controlled substances without a prescription; furnishing dangerous drugs without a prescription; unprofessional conduct – commission of acts involving dishonesty; unprofessional conduct- knowingly making documents that falsely represent facts; failure to maintain records and current inventory; variation of prescription; dispensed incorrectly labeled prescriptions; failure to compile inventory reconciliation reports for schedule II controlled substances; failure of pharmacist in charge to complete self-assessment; inappropriate exercise of education, training or experience as pharmacist.

Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Decision effective 5/23/2024.

Yasmin's Pharmacy, PHY 51445, AC 7309

Beverly Hills, CA

Cause for discipline:

Substantially related conviction; unprofessional conduct – acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit; unprofessional conduct – false documents; unprofessional conduct – inappropriate exercise of education, training or experience.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered.

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