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# THE SCRIPT

**BE AWARE & TAKE CARE: Talk to your pharmacist!** 

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## **New Laws**

Governor Gavin Newsom has enacted several bills that introduce or revise existing laws regulating pharmacy practice in California. To read the full text of each law, click on the Assembly bill (AB) number or Senate bill (SB) number.

## AB 82 Health care: legally protected health care activity (Ward, Chapter 679, Statutes of 2025)

AB 82 expands confidentiality for reproductive and gender-affirming health care providers. The bill protects addresses of health care providers, employees, or volunteers who face threats of violence or harassment from the public. This bill also prohibits a prescription for or the dispensing of testosterone or mifepristone from being reported to the Department of Justice, CURES, or a contractor.

#### **AB 144** Committee on Budget. Health

(Chapter 105, Statutes of 2025)

AB 144 establishes California's baseline for vaccine coverage for the immunization schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices as of January 1, 2025. It authorizes the California

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By Seung Oh, President, Board of Pharmacy

The year 2025 will be remembered as the very significant year for the remarkable changes in Pharmacy Law that will ultimately reduce healthcare costs, improve patient well-being and health outcomes in the long run. Assembly Bill (AB) 1503, the Board's Sunset Oversight Review Report, would transition pharmacists' care to a standard of care practice model under specified conditions to transform the care patients may receive. Ultimately, the Board believes this approach will significantly benefit consumers. Many details and more information will be forthcoming in the coming months and some information are included in this edition of The Script. The Board will issue a special edition of The Script focusing on AB 1503 and many other changes in the Board's Sunset bill in early 2026.

Other new laws were also recently signed by Governor Gavin Newsom including fourteen new bills focused on pharmacy laws. These bills vary from confidentiality protection

for reproductive and genderaffirming health care providers (AB 82 and AB 260), lowering the cost of prescription drugs (SB 41), and cutting down on medication waste for emergency room patients (AB 447).

Signing AB 1503 means the Board's operation has been extended for four more years until January 1, 2030. With AB 1503 the Board secured changes to streamline and transition to a more robust standard of care practice model for pharmacist and establish authority for pharmacy technicians to compound and administer vaccines outside of a pharmacy while under the direct supervision and control of a pharmacist. The bill also contains a provision where a Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) must determine adequate staffing level at the pharmacy to ensure sufficient personnel are present in the pharmacy to prevent fatigue, distraction, or other conditions, while allowing the PIC to determine the pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio of up to 1:3. The standard of care practice model has been something the Board has been working on for a few years and I am grateful to see it come to fruition. In July 2022, a Standard of Care Ad Hoc Committee was established. Within two years the Board had a draft proposal. The Board, via its 2025 Sunset Measure, proposed a transition to standard of care practice model.

I would like to bring to your attention one of the upcoming changes related to vaccine administration enacted by AB 1503. Under the provisions established in AB 1503, pharmacist authority to independently initiate and administer vaccines for persons three years of age and older will transition to a standard of care practice model. Such an approach is consistent with other health care practice authority.

In anticipation of this change, the Board strongly encourages pharmacists to begin the transition to a standard of care practice model for immunizations for patients three years old and older. The Board also reminds pharmacists that **Business and Professions Code** section 4052(a)(11) currently provides a pharmacist with the authority to administer immunizations to any person, regardless of age, pursuant to a protocol with a prescriber. This current authority will exist until January 1, 2026, when AB 1503 takes effect, but the authority to establish protocol still remains and is renumbered under BPC 4052(a)(12)(B). We understand these changes can be confusing and will be providing further information in the coming months.

There is a lot of changes in pharmacy law and information in AB 1503, and to familiarize licensees on the changes, the Board will be releasing a Special Edition newsletter in early 2026. In the meantime, I encourage licensees to read this edition of The Script. This edition includes new laws and regulations,

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albuterol and epinephrine standing orders for schools, the importance of vaccine consent forms, and an article why technology can't replace one hundred percent of the pharmacist's role in patient care.

In closing, the changes secured in AB 1503 will be a monumental change in the practice of pharmacy for the betterment of patient care and access for decades to come. We are grateful to many who supported this measure along the way, but most importantly, we are excited for the potential to improve patient care with this change. The Board, as always, thanks all the hardworking frontline employees who every day show up to take care of patients and go out of their way to make a difference in people's lives. As the cold and flu season is fully upon us, we like to remind all our licensees to stay healthy and stay well. Finally, a friendly reminder in AB 1503, the Board secured significant provisions in the ability for Pharmacist-in-Charge to determine staffing levels at the pharmacy effective January 1. 2026. The Board would like to ensure there is adequate support for you to take care of patients in whatever setting you are in. And we are always here to listen to your ideas; please come to our meetings in person or virtually, submit comments, and provide feedback. Thank you for all you do to take care of California patients!

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Department of Public Health (CDPH) to modify or supplement these baseline recommendations, considering guidance from leading medical organizations. It provides liability protections for people providing immunizations in accordance with CDPH recommendations through January 1, 2030.

#### **AB 260** Sexual and Reproductive Health Care

(Aguiar- Curry, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2025) AB 260 protects reproductive healthcare access, including medication abortion. It offers comprehensive protections for healthcare providers, pharmacists, clinics, and hospitals from penalties for legally prescribing or dispensing mifepristone. It removes the patients name, prescriber names, and name and address of the pharmacy from medication labels for their safety, as long as the pharmacist maintains a log with specific information; mandates insurance coverage, including Medi-Cal, for medication abortion; expands access through telehealth services; prohibits a health care service plan contract or a group or individual health insurance policy or certificate that covers prescription drugs from limiting or excluding coverage for brand name or generic mifepristone solely on the basis that the drug is prescribed for a use that is different from the use for which the FDA has approved that drug; and eliminates outdated and discriminatory language from state law such as references to "chaste character".

#### **AB 309** Hypodermic needles and syringes

(Zbur, Chapter 685, Statutes of 2025)

AB 309 deletes the January 1, 2026 repeal date that allows licensees to provide hypodermic needles and sterile syringes for human use without a prescription or permits to any person 18 years of age or older if the furnisher has previously been provided a prescription or other proof of a legitimate medical need requiring a hypodermic needle or syringe to administer a medicine or treatment.

#### AB 447 Emergency room patient prescriptions

(González, Chapter 363, Statutes of 2025)

AB 447 allows physicians or authorized prescribers to dispense an unused portion of a non-controlled medication to an emergency department (ED) patient upon discharge if certain conditions are met: the drug is not a controlled substance, the medication was previously ordered and administered to the patient during their ED visit, and the unused portion of the drug is required to continue treatment of the patient. This will cut down on medication waste. This bill also exempts from licensure an AUDS that is used to dispense dangerous drugs to emergency room patients in accordance with specified requirements.

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# AB 489 Health care professions: deceptive terms or letters: artificial intelligence

(Bonta, Chapter 615, Statutes of 2025)
AB 489 prohibits the use by artificial intelligence
(Al) or generative artificial intelligence (GenAl)
technology of certain terms, letters, or phrases that
indicate or imply that the advice, care, reports, or
assessments being provided through Al or GenAl
is being provided by a natural person with the
appropriate health care license or certificate.

## AB 1152 Controlled substances: human chorionic gonadotropin

(Patterson, Chapter 182, Statutes of 2025)
AB 1152 removes human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) from the list of Schedule III controlled substances under the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

#### AB 1503

#### **Sunset Oversight Review Report**

(Berman, Chapter 196, Statutes of 2025)
The Board submitted its Sunset Oversight Review
Report on January 6, 2025. The report included
several statutory proposals. Many of the policy
proposals are included in the Board's sunset
measure. This bill makes changes to Pharmacy Law
and Board operations, including extending the
Board for four years until January 1, 2030. A Special
Edition of The Script will be released dedicated to
the amendments of AB 1503.

#### SB 40 Health care coverage: insulin

(Wiener, Chapter 737, Statutes of 2025)
Senate Bill (SB) 40 would prohibit a health care service plan or health insurer from imposing step therapy as a prerequisite to authorizing coverage of insulin and would generally prohibit a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1, 2026, from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, deductible, or other cost sharing of more than \$35 for a 30-day supply of an insulin prescription drug, except as specified.

#### **SB 41** Pharmacy benefits

(Wiener, Chapter 605, Statutes of 2025)

SB 41 establishes the regulation of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) within the California Department of Managed Healthcare (DMHC) as specified, including the following:

- Prohibits a PBM from requiring use of only an affiliated pharmacy.
- Establishes actions that are prohibited by a PBM.
- Establishes disclosure obligations on PBMs.
- Requires PBMs to use a passthrough pricing model.

Additional information can be obtained from the California Department of Managed Healthcare.

## **SB 306** Health care coverage: prior authorizations

(Becker, Chapter 408, Statutes of 2025)
SB 306 requires health care service plans and health insurers to report statistics to the DMHC and the Department of Insurance annually beginning December 31, 2026, and, starting January 1, 2028, to cease requiring prior authorization for the most frequently approved covered health care services that are approved at a rate that meets or exceeds the threshold rate of 90%. These requirements will be repealed on January 1, 2034.

# **SB 470 Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing**

(Laird, Chapter 222, Statutes of 2025)
SB 470 authorizes a state body to hold a meeting by teleconference subject to specified requirements, including, among others, that at least one member of the state body is physically present at each teleconference location, as defined, that a majority of the members of the state body are physically present at the same teleconference location, except as specified, and that members of the state body visibly appear on camera during the open portion of a meeting that is publicly accessible via the internet or other online platform, except as specified. Under specified circumstances,

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the act authorizes a member of the state body to participate from an undisclosed remote location that is not accessible to the public. This authority will be repealed on January 1, 2030.

SB 497 **Legally protected health care activity** (Wiener, Chapter 764, Statutes of 2025) SB 497 prohibits:

- The release of medical information related to a person seeking or obtaining genderaffirming health care or gender-affirming mental health care in response to a criminal or civil action, including a foreign subpoena, based on another state's law that interferes with an individual's right to seek or obtain gender-affirming health care or gender-affirming mental health care.
- Cooperation with or providing medical information to an individual, agency, or department from another state or, to the extent permitted by federal law, to a federal law enforcement agency that would identify an individual and that is related to an individual seeking or obtaining genderaffirming health care, as specified.
- The release of medical information related to sensitive services, as defined, in response to a foreign subpoena that is based on a violation of another state's laws authorizing a criminal action against a person or entity for provision or receipt of legally protected health care activity, as defined.
- The issuance of a subpoena based on a violation of another state's law that interferes with a person's right to seek or obtain gender affirming health care or gender-affirming mental health care, as specified.
- The sharing of CURES data with an out-ofstate law enforcement agency without a warrant, subpoena, or court order.

 An out-of-state user from providing any data in furtherance of an investigation or proceeding to impose liability based on another state's law for the provision or receipt of legally protected health care activity.

SB 568 Pupil health: epinephrine delivery systems: school sites and childcare programs (Niello, Chapter 322, Statutes of 2025)
SB 568 expands the authority of pharmacies to provide a broader range of epinephrine delivery devices, including those other than auto-injectors,

provide a broader range of epinephrine delivery devices, including those other than auto-injectors, to local educational agencies—including school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools—under existing safety and training requirements.

For questions or to learn more about these new laws, please visit contact the <u>Ask and Inspector call line or email.</u>

# **Upcoming Meetings**

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

Visit <u>Board and Committee Meetings</u> on the Board's <u>website</u> 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 <u>email</u> 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.

# Regulations

The California State Board of Pharmacy adopted important new regulations and regulatory amendments that took effect in 2025. Information and the Order of Adoption for each regulation is posted under <u>"Approved Regulations"</u> on the Board's website, <u>www.pharmacy.ca.gov</u>.

#### <u>CCR section 1749(c), Pharmacy Technician Fee</u> Schedule.

This amended regulation reduced the pharmacy technician renewal fee starting January 1, 2025. The fee decrease for technicians was made to make it more affordable and help individuals to 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.

#### <u>CCR section 1793.65, Pharmacy Technician</u> Certification Programs Documents

The amended regulation extends the current certification program sunset date from December 31, 2024, to June 30, 2026. This ensures that the currently approved pharmacy technician certification programs continue to serve as a valid pathway to licensure for applicants. Effective February 4, 2025.

# <u>CCR section 1709.1, Designation of Pharmacist-in-Charge</u> (PIC)

This amended regulation requires the proposed PIC to complete a board-provided training course, entitled <a href="Pharmacist-in-Charge Overview and Responsibility">Pharmacist-in-Charge Overview and Responsibility</a>, within two years prior to the date of application. Effective April 1, 2025.

#### CCR section 1700, Digital Signatures

This amended regulation allows the Board to accept digital signatures, meeting specific requirements on any written communication, application or other document in which a signature is required or used. Effective July 1, 2025.



#### **Compounding Regulation Changes**

On June 19, 2025, the California State Board of Pharmacy (Board) received notification from Office of Administrative Law (OAL) that the Board's compounding regulation changes were approved. The Notice of Approval provides that the new regulations became effective on October 1, 2025.

As required by law, the Board conducted a comprehensive review of its compounding regulations and identified necessary changes after USP General Chapters1 became compendial. These efforts resulted in the Board voting, as part of its April 2023 Board meeting, to promulgate new regulations. Since that time, and after five formal comment periods, a regulation hearing, and extensive review and discussion over the course of multiple public meetings, the Board completed the formal rulemaking process. With the recent approval by the OAL of the updated compounding regulations promulgated by the Board, the Board wishes to update its stakeholders on its policy related to licensees transitioning to the updated USP General Chapters and updated regulations.

During this intervening period, the Board encourages licensees to continue transitioning to the new standards established in USP, and to take steps to establish compliance with the Board's updated regulations.

# Immunization Alert

## **AB 1503**

Changes to administering vaccines will take place at the new year. <u>Assembly Bill 1503</u> (Berman, Chapter 196, Statutes of 2025) was signed by Governor Newsom and will take effect on January 1, 2026. Under the provisions established in AB 1503, pharmacist authority to independently initiate and administer vaccines for persons three years of age and older will transition to a standard of care practice model. Such an approach is consistent with other health care practitioners with similar practice authority.

In anticipation of this change, the Board strongly encourages pharmacists to begin the transition to a standard of care practice model for immunizations for patients three years old and older. The Board intends to use enforcement discretion during this intervening period.

The Board also reminds pharmacists that Business and Professions Code section 4052(a)(11) currently provides a pharmacist with the authority to administer immunizations to any person, regardless of age, pursuant to a protocol with a prescriber. This current authority will exist until January 1, 2026, when AB 1503 takes effect.

Note that while AB 1503 repeals current subdivision (a)(11) of section 4052, it also adds new subdivision (a)(12), which, effective as of January 1, 2026, provides general authority for a pharmacist to initiate, adjust, or discontinue drug therapy for a patient (which includes vaccine administration) under either (1) a collaborative practice agreement, or (2) under specified conditions, an order or authorization made by the patient's prescriber. (See Stats. 2025, Ch. 196, Sec. 13 (AB 1503), effective January 1, 2026.)

#### **West Coast Health Alliance**

Here are recent developments related to vaccines:

- In early September, the <u>West Coast Health Alliance</u> was launched to provide evidence-based unified recommendations for residents of California, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii regarding who should receive immunizations.
- On September 17, the California Department of Public Health <u>announced</u> official immunization recommendations in accordance with this Alliance.
- Recent enactment of <u>Assembly Bill 144</u> (Committee on Budget, Chapter 105, Statutes of 2025) provides authority for pharmacists to independently initiate and administer to individuals three years of age or older an immunization that, on January 1, 2025, had in effect an ACIP recommendation and that is recommended by the California Department of Public Health. This authority became effective on September 17, 2025, and provides separate and independent authority (complementing other current and forthcoming authorities) for pharmacists to administer vaccines.
- AB 144 also contains provisions related to Medi-Cal coverage of vaccines and immunizations. Learn more about Medi-Cal coverage of vaccines here.

# **Are You Administering the Correct Vaccine?**

## Remember to Review Patient Consent Form



The California State Board of Pharmacy (Board) continues to receive complaints about pharmacists not reviewing patient consent forms for vaccinations and/or not providing consultation to the patient prior to the administration of a vaccine. As a result, some patients have received the incorrect vaccine.

In a recent complaint the Board received, a parent and their child went to a pharmacy and asked for the COVID-19 vaccine for each of them. The pharmacy staff member checked with the pharmacist on duty and confirmed they could provide the immunizations. The parent filled out their consent forms and documented their request for the COVID-19 vaccine.

When the parent and their child were called into the immunization room, the pharmacist did not confirm their specific patient information (such as name and date of birth), nor confirm which vaccine they requested to receive. The vaccines were administered without incident; however, after the immunization the parent saw on the paperwork that they each received the influenza vaccine and not the COVID-19 vaccine.

The investigation revealed both immunization prescriptions were typed and prepared for the influenza vaccine by the pharmacist, despite the consent form requesting for the COVID-19 vaccinations. The pharmacist on duty during the

event stated she overheard the interaction at the front counter with the clerk and she thought she heard the parent say they wanted the flu vaccine.

If the pharmacist had followed immunization best practices, applicable pharmacy procedures, and the requirements of California pharmacy law prior to administration, this error could have been prevented. Below is an example of a process that complies with best practices and California law:

- The pharmacist initiates the immunization process with the patient and answers any questions the patient may have regarding the vaccine(s).
- The pharmacy staff obtains the patient consent, including:
  - Patient screening questions on current health conditions, allergies, long-term health conditions, and pregnancy status.
  - Previous vaccination history (both at their pharmacy and other locations, which can be viewed online via the California Immunization Registry (CAIR)).
  - Providing the patient with the applicable Vaccine Information Statement(s).
- The pharmacy staff processing the prescription for the vaccine is a different person than the pharmacy technician, intern pharmacist, or pharmacist selecting the correct product to be used.
- The pharmacist reviews each consent form for appropriateness, verifies the correct product to be used, and performs a drug utilization review.

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- Prior to administration of the vaccine:
  - The pharmacist provides consultation to the patient, including common side effects, and if they must wait for observation after receiving the vaccine.
  - The person administering the immunization verbally confirms the patient's personal information (such as name and date of birth), and which vaccine they are requesting to receive, by using open-ended questions. For example:

"Can you please confirm your first and last name for me and which vaccine you are here to receive today?"

In addition, after a vaccine is administered, per California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1746.4, the pharmacist must:

- Report the information described in section 120440, subdivision (c), of the Health and Safety Code to CAIR within 14 days of administration.
- At the request of a patient, notify the patient's primary health care provider of any vaccines administered to the patient (or enter the appropriate information in a patient record system shared with the primary care provider, as permitted by the primary care provider) within 14 days of administration. If a patient does not have a primary care provider or is unable to provide contact information for his or her primary care provider, the pharmacist must advise the patient to consult an appropriate health care provider of the patient's choice.
- Provide the patient with a vaccine administration record which fully documents the vaccine(s) administered.
   An example of an appropriate vaccine administration record is available on the Board's website on the "Vaccinations" page.

#### As a reminder:

- California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1707.2 requires a pharmacist to provide oral consultation to his or her patient or the patient's agent in all settings: (1) upon request; (2) whenever the pharmacist deems it warranted in the exercise of his or her professional judgment; (3) whenever the prescription drug has not previously been dispensed to a patient; or (4) whenever a prescription drug not previously dispensed to a patient in the same dosage form, strength or with the same written directions, is dispensed by the pharmacy.
- California Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 4052.8 permits pharmacists to independently initiate and administer vaccines under specified conditions.
- BPC section 4115(b)(1) permits pharmacy technicians to prepare and administer influenza and COVID-19 vaccines under the direct supervision and control of a pharmacist under specified conditions.
- California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1716 states pharmacists shall not deviate from the requirements of a prescription except upon the prior consent of the prescriber or to select the drug product in accordance with BPC section 4073.

The Board strongly encourages pharmacies and pharmacists to evaluate their practices for initiating, processing, and administering vaccinations, to ensure their practices are aligned with California pharmacy law, and to ensure patients are receiving the correct vaccine product.

## **CAMER**

## **Reporting Medication Errors**

The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) will oversee medication error reports under Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 4113.1. The Board advises licensees that medication errors that occurred on or after September 1, 2025, must be reported to the California Medication Error Reporting (CAMER) system.



The API that allows for direct, electronic submission of medication errors to the CAMER system is available. If you are interested in implementing the API in your internal reporting system, please email the Institute for Safe Medication Practices at: <a href="mailto:clientservices@ecri.org">clientservices@ecri.org</a>.

For individual pharmacies that want to implement the API, please include the following information in your communication:

- Pharmacy name (as listed on the pharmacy license)
- Pharmacy license number
- Confirm this is for an individual pharmacy and the pharmacy is not part of a parent organization who will be reporting on behalf of the pharmacy.

For organizations and Patient Safety Organizations (PSO) that will implement the API to report on behalf of multiple pharmacies, the Board will need to understand the relationships between individual pharmacies and the parent organization and/or PSO. Please include the following information in your communication:

- Name of the parent organization and/or PSO
- A list of the pharmacies on whose behalf you will be reporting
  - Please provide both the pharmacy names (as listed on the pharmacy license) and license numbers
  - Please provide details as to the relationship between the individual pharmacies, any multipharmacy organizations, and your organization

Once the Board confirms the information and the correct relationships, if any, between individual pharmacies and parent organizations is established, an API key to use for testing purposes during the organization's internal development process will be issued via encrypted email.

When the organization has completed their internal development and testing, they can contact ISMP for a new API key to use for submission of medication error reports. The API used during development and testing will be discontinued.

The API technical documentation to use for development can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions section at: <a href="https://mederrors.ismp.org/products/ca-board-of-pharmacy-error-reporting">https://mederrors.ismp.org/products/ca-board-of-pharmacy-error-reporting</a>.

## From the CAMER Database:

# Patient Readmitted to Hospital with Sepsis after Taking only Diluent from Vancomycin Kit

This article was provided by ISMP consistent with the CAMER reporting requirement

A patient was diagnosed with *Clostridium difficile* colitis and was prescribed **FIRVANQ** (vancomycin). To facilitate reconstitution, the product comes in a carton containing a bottle of vancomycin powder and a bottle of diluent. Prior to dispensing, the contents of the drug powder in one of the bottles must be reconstituted with the diluent from the other bottle. However, in this case, the Firvanq kit was dispensed to the patient without mixing the diluent with the vancomycin powder. At home, the patient took "doses" from the diluent bottle and therefore did not receive any active drug. The patient's *C. difficile* infection progressed into sepsis, and they required hospitalization.

The brand name, Firvang, is displayed on both the powder and diluent bottles. ISMP has previously received reports in which pharmacy staff read "Firvang" on the diluent label and missed that it was just the diluent. They dispensed the diluent bottle thinking it contained active drug. In response to these error reports, the manufacturer, Azurity Pharmaceuticals, previously revised the diluent bottle container label. They made the word "Diluent" more prominent and deemphasized the brand name, Firvang, to help practitioners recognize the bottle contains diluent only. However, if the diluent bottle is mistakenly dispensed to patients, they may not understand what diluent means and assume the bottle contains active drug.

To reduce the risk of errors, consider the following recommendations.

 Standardize the process used to prepare and dispense Firvanq (and other medications that require reconstitution). Firvanq MUST be reconstituted prior to dispensing. Do not dispense the Firvanq diluent bottle to the patient or the kit with the powder not reconstituted with the diluent.

- Incorporate technology at the point of sale to alert pharmacy staff that the prescription needs to be reconstituted. Explore options to utilize an interactive alert, for example, one that requires a pharmacist to confirm that the medication has been reconstituted.
- Add a distinct visual cue to the prescription receipt indicating that the medication needs to be reconstituted prior to dispensing.
- Do not place the actual product container in the same bag with other prescriptions for the patient as this can make it easier to miss that the product needs to be reconstituted.
- Provide an appropriate metric-only dosing device, which corresponds to the instructions on the label, with the prescription.
- Give the reconstituted product to a pharmacist. Open the bottle with the patient or caregiver to check that the contents have been reconstituted.
- Use the teach-back method to education patients about the medication. Have the caregiver or patient demonstrate how they will measure and administer the dose to validate comprehension.

# **Inspection Results**

# **Enforcement and Compounding Committee Releases Report on Inspections**

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 <u>FAQ list</u> 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		Point to Your l	Consumer Poster  ur Language Sign Security Features nacy Permit		
Name Tags		ivacy Space Staffing Ratio lio and Visual) Duties Perfor			Pofessional Interactions
ITEMS TO BE REVIEWED DURING AN INSPECTION:					
Completion of Self-Assessment Fo	rm	Compliance in CURES Reporting		Enrollment in the Subscriber Alert System	
Policies and Procedures			ality Assurance Policy dication Errors Report		
WHAT IS INSPECTED:					
Physical Facility		Security	Cleanliness Orderliness		Expiration Dates (Including Labels)

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#### **Chain Pharmacies**

Violation	Description
CCR 1714	Operational Standards and Security
BPC 4058	License Display
CCR 1746.4	Pharmacists Administering Vaccines
CCR 1715	Self-Assessment of PHY by PIC
CCR 1707.2	Duty to Consult

#### **Non-Chain Pharmacies**

Violation	Description
CCR 1715.65	Inventory Reconciliation Reports of Controlled Substances
CCR 1707.2	Duty to Consult
CCR 1714	Operational Standards and Security
CCR 1707.5	Patient-Centered Labels
CFR 1304.11	Inventory Requirements

### **Top Written Notices on Routine Inspections**

#### **Chain Pharmacies**

Violation	Description
CCR 1714	Operational Standards and Security
CCR 1707.2	Duty to Consult
CCR 1715	Self-Assessment of PHY by PIC
CCR 1776.1	Prescription Take-Back
BPC 4115	Pharmacy Technician; Tasks, Ratios, Supervision

#### **Non-Chain Pharmacies**

Violation	Description
CCR 1715.65	Inventory Reconciliation Reports of Controlled Substances
CCR 1714	Operational Standards and Security
BPC 4301	Unprofessional Conduct
HSC 111330	Labeling
BPC 4312	Voiding of License

# Citations Issued 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

On an annual basis the Board's Enforcement and Compounding Committee receives a presentation on the Board's citation and fine program. Included in the presentation are the most common violations resulting in the issuance of a citation and fine.

#### **Pharmacies (PHY) Top Ten Violations**

Chain Pharmacies		Non-Chain Pharmacies		
Violation	Description	Violations	Description	
CCR 1716	Medication Error	CCR 1714	Operational Standards and Security	
CCR 1714	Operational Standards and Security	BPC 4301	Unprofessional Conduct	
BPC 4113	Notify Board Regarding PIC	BPC 4113	Notify Board Regarding PIC	
BPC 4301	Unprofessional Conduct	CCR 1735	Compounding - Related	
CCR 1764 CCC 56.10	Disclosure of Medical Information	CCR 1761	Erroneous or Uncertain Prescription	
CCR 1707.2	Duty to Consult	CCR 1715	PIC Self-Assessment	
BPC 733	Obstruction/Delay in Therapy	BPC 4305	Operate for more than 30 days without PIC	
BPC 4115	Pharmacy Technician; Tasks, Ratios, Supervision	CCR 1716	Medication Error	
BPC 1711	Quality Assurance	BPC 4059	Rx Requirements	
CCR 1707	Offsite storage Requirements	BPC 4081	Records Maintenance	

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.

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Violations Issued Under Authority of 4317.5 (a)		Violations Issued Under Authority of 4317.5 (b)		
Violation	Description	Violation	Description	
CCR 1716	Medication Error	BPC 4113.7(a)(b)	Quotas Established by Chain Pharmacy	
BPC 4113	Notify Board Regarding PIC	BPC 733	Unlawful Dispensing of Dangerous Drugs and Devices/Obstruction	
BPC 4305	Operate for more than 30 days without PIC	CCR 171	Pharmaceutical Practice	
CCR 1707.2	Duty to Consult			
BPC 4301	Unprofessional Conduct			

<u>Click here</u> to review the June 2025 Citation Presentation at the Enforcement Committee Meeting.

# **Pharmacist in Charge Training Webinar**

<u>Pharmacist-in-Charge training webinar</u> is available on the California State Board of Pharmacy website. This webinar provides an overview of pharmacy law related to the position and the responsibility of a pharmacist when associating as the Pharmacist-in-Charge of a licensed facility. Additionally, the

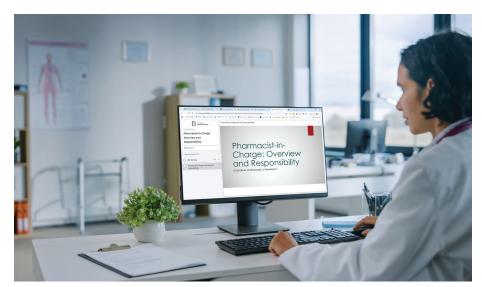
webinar has tips on how to prepare for an inspection and provides resources for the PIC to use in their supervision and management of a pharmacy.

One hour of CE will be awarded for completing the webinar training; however, it does not count toward the required 2 hours of CE for Law and Ethics.

To take this course you must sign up for a PharmED account.

<u>Click here</u> to sign up for an account or use this link:

<a href="https://pharmed.thinkific.com/">https://pharmed.thinkific.com/</a>



# **Striking the Right Balance:**

# Technology and the Pharmacist's Role in Medication Safety



Technology continues to transform health care, offering new tools to support patient safety and enhance pharmacy operations. From electronic prescribing and real-time access to patient medication histories, to the use of automated dispensing devices and robotics, these advancements can significantly improve efficiency and accuracy in the medication-use process.

While automation and digital systems play a critical role in supporting workflow, they are not a replacement for a pharmacist's professional judgment. Pharmacist oversight remains essential at every stage of the dispensing process—from inventory management to final verification and patient consultation.

The Board recently investigated a case involving a dispensing error linked to the improper use of automated technology. A patient received a prescription bottle that contained both **Furosemide 40 mg** tablets and **Atenolol 50 mg** tablets, dispensed by a robotic system. The patient began taking the medication before realizing the tablets looked different, ultimately reporting side effects after consuming an unknown quantity of the incorrect drug.

The investigation revealed multiple points of failure:

- The dispensing robot's cassette was incorrectly filled with Atenolol 50 mg tablets, due to a returned-to-stock bottle that had been mislabeled.
- During the pharmacist's verification, the mixed contents of the bottle were not identified, and the verification image did not raise concerns due to similarities in tablet color and shape.
- The prescription was a refill, and no consultation was offered, removing the final opportunity to correct the error.

This incident highlights the importance of robust policies and procedures for managing returned-to-stock medications and automated dispensing systems. Pharmacy personnel must be thoroughly trained on proper handling practices, and pharmacists should always perform a visual check of medication contents—especially from automated systems.

Pharmacists are uniquely positioned to serve as the final safeguard in preventing medication errors. Technology should enhance—not replace—their ability to provide safe and effective patient care.

The Board encourages all pharmacies to evaluate their current use of technology, ensure staff are properly trained, and reinforce a culture of safety and patient-centered care.

# Albuterol and Epinephrine Standing Orders for Schools

California schools are authorized to stock unassigned albuterol metered-dose inhalers (MDIs), single-use disposable spacers, and epinephrine auto-injectors for emergency use.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has issued statewide standing orders that enable all California TK–12 public, charter, and private schools, as well as local education agencies (school districts), and county offices of education, to obtain MDIs and single-use disposable spacers, as well as epinephrine auto-injectors without an independent physician's prescription.

Dr. Erica Pan, California's State Public Health Officer, issued standing orders for epinephrine, albuterol, and disposable spacers as the authorizing physician. Standing orders are issued to schools under the name of the school and medications are not assigned to any specific student or staff. The standing order features a box which contains all required information to fill an order including medications and quantities, which looks similar to a prescription.

Local education agencies (school districts) and county offices of education may place orders on behalf of multiple schools under their jurisdiction.

For the Albuterol Standing Order, MDIs may be obtained in quantities of two per school site and disposable spacers in quantities of 25 per school site. Schools may request refills if devices are used or become inoperable.

For the Epinephrine Standing Order, schools may request up to four auto-injectors per site. Schools may request either or both standard and junior dose auto-injectors (depending on their school population) in multiples of two. Refills are allowed if devices are used or if they become inoperable.

To learn more about program eligibility, training requirements, and how schools can apply or renew, please visit the CDPH website or contact the Office of School Health at <a href="mailto:SafeSchoolsTeam@cdph.ca.gov">SafeSchoolsTeam@cdph.ca.gov</a>

# Report a Drug Theft/Drug Loss Online Portal

The Board of Pharmacy has launched a new online portal for reporting the theft or loss of controlled substances. Using this portal ensures that all required information, as outlined in California Code of Regulations, Title 16, §1715.6, is accurately submitted. While the portal use is not mandatory, we strongly encourage utilizing it for future

https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/webapplications/apps/drug\_loss/index.shtml

reports. Please find the link below.



## **Board Welcomes New Members**

The California State
Board of Pharmacy
would like to welcome
Claudia L. Mercado.
Mercado is a public
member and was
appointed by the
California Senate Rules
committee. Mercado
previously served for



Claudia L. Mercado

nearly 11 years on the Osteopathic Medical Board of California.

Mercado is the founder of Vervida, a mineral supplement brand, and Calibueno, a cannabis company.

Mercado earned a Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Arts from Mills College.

Her term will expire June 1, 2028.

Jeanette Dong was appointed to the California Board of Pharmacy as a Public Board Member by the California Speaker of the Assembly in 2025. Member Dong is currently the Chief Strategy Officer for Alameda Health System.



Jeanette Dong

Member Dong has held positions with the California State Assembly, Alameda County, The Port of Oakland and Asian Health Services/ La Clinica de la Raza. Member Dong has served with the California Board of Registered Nursing, California Public Health Advisory Committee, California Public Utilities Commission Workforce Development Task Force and the California Health and Wellness Task Force (SDE) and numerous other appointments in San Francisco and Oakland.

Member Dong graduated from University of California, Berkeley, and received her master's degree from Columbia University. She was also an APPAM Sloan Fellow at Harvard University and a Coro Foundation Fellow.

Her term will expire June 1, 2028.

# Board Honors 40-Year Pharmacists Congratulations Member Sandhu

The Board would like to congratulate Satinder Sandhu for his commitment to serving California patients for 40 years.

The Board would also like to congratulate all pharmacists that have met this milestone. Thank you for your commitment to California consumers.

As a reminder, pharmacists that have reached this milestone are welcome to attend a Board meeting for receive more formal recognition by the Board and receive a pin. Click here for a list of all pharmacist who have served as a provider for 40 years.

https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/licensees/personal/40yr rph.shtml



# Well-Being Index Mental Health Support

The California State Board of Pharmacy would like to remind licensees that there are a wide range of free mental support resources, most of which are online.

The <u>Pharmacist Well-Being Index</u> is a validated, self-assessment tool created by the Mayo Clinic and launched in 2019. Participants can log on via website or phone app and answer questions intended to assess several dimensions of distress and well-being related to work – including quality of life, fatigue, burnout, concern for a recent major medication error, and intent to leave the current job.

The tool is available to pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians. Users can retake the assessment and track their well-being over time. All answers are anonymous. According to the index website, "All data is stored in secure cloud servers and provided to administrators in a de-identified aggregate format."

In addition, the index provides resources to assist users whose responses indicate risk of distress. The data collected also enable organizations to collect information to pinpoint causes of distress and make meaningful changes to maximize the mental health of participants.

The American Pharmacist Association (APhA) monitors data from the Well-Being Index to determine a "distress percent" for pharmacy personnel based on pharmacy personnel who score a well-being index greater than or equal to 5, which indicates a risk of high distress.

According to APhA, pharmacy personnel who are at high risk of distress also have:

- a three-fold higher risk of low quality of life
- an eight-fold higher risk of burnout
- a 2.5-fold higher risk of high fatigue
- a 2.5-fold higher risk of intent to leave their job
- a two-fold higher risk of medication error

The interactive online tool allows pharmacists to anonymously measure their well-being in less than one minute, access custom resources, compare their scores to peers' and national averages, and track their progress over time.

# Check and See: Is it an Authorized Dealer? Diabetic Test Strips

Diabetic test strips must only be purchased from an authorized seller. Business and Professions Code (BPC) <u>section 4160.5</u>, requires manufacturers of nonprescription diabetes test devices to post the names of their authorized distributors on the internet and to make those names available for posting on the <u>California State Board of Pharmacy website</u>.

"Nonprescription diabetes test device" means a glucose meter or test strip for use in the treatment of prediabetic or diabetic individuals that may be sold without a prescription and that is labeled for use by the consumer in accordance with the requirements of the laws and rules of this state and the federal government.

## **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 May 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 May continue so long as the licensee fully complies with any specified terms and conditions.

**Probation** – The licensee May 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 May 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: January 1 - June 30, 2025

Disciplinary Actions for Jan. 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025

#### **Personal Licenses**

Ah Mu, Kiana R., TCH 187438, AC 7773

Pilot Hill, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Conviction of Substantially Related Crime; 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 3/28/2025.

Alkazaki, Usama, RPH 69696, AC 7033

El Cajon, CA

Cause for discipline: Mollina investigation - Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud; Unauthorized Prescriptions; Forgery; Unprofessional Conduct. Qlarant investigation - Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud; Subvert or Attempt to Subvert an Investigation; Incorrect Labeling; Unprofessional Conduct. Latuda Investigation - Making or Signing Document that

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Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud; Unprofessional Conduct. La Maestra investigation -Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud; **Unauthorized Prescriptions**; Forgery; Subvert or Attempt to Subvert an Investigation; Incorrect Labeling; Adulterated Drugs; Unprofessional Conduct. La Mesa Cardiac investigation - Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Insurance Fraud; Unauthorized Prescriptions; Incorrect Labeling; **Unprofessional Conduct.** Patient investigation - Incorrect Labeling; Unprofessional Conduct; Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Incorrect Labeling; Subvert or Attempt to Subvert an Investigation; Cash Compromise of CSA Violations. **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 1/16/2025.

#### Alkazaki, Usama, APH 10659, AC 7033

El Caion, CA

Cause for discipline: Mollina investigation - Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud; Unauthorized Prescriptions; Forgery; **Unprofessional Conduct. Qlarant** investigation - Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit;

Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud: Subvert or Attempt to Subvert an Investigation; Incorrect Labeling; **Unprofessional Conduct.** Latuda Investigation - Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud; Unprofessional Conduct. La Maestra investigation -Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud; **Unauthorized Prescriptions:** Forgery; Subvert or Attempt to Subvert an Investigation; Incorrect Labeling; Adulterated Drugs; Unprofessional Conduct. La Mesa Cardiac investigation - Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Insurance Fraud; Unauthorized Prescriptions; Incorrect Labeling; **Unprofessional Conduct.** Patient investigation - Incorrect Labeling; Unprofessional Conduct; Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Incorrect Labeling; Subvert or Attempt to Subvert an Investigation; Cash Compromise of CSA Violations. **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 1/16/2025.

#### Arias, Steven Omar, TCH 83080, AC 7754

Monrovia, CA

#### Cause for discipline:

Convictions of Substantially Related Crimes - November 27, 2023, Lewd or Lascivious Acts: Child Under Age 14, Two Counts; Acts Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, or Corruption; Acts Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, or Corruption.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 3/12/2025.

#### Bajaj, Harminder, RPH 62181, AC 7367

Millbrae, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to Clarify Uncertain or Erroneous Prescriptions; Failure to Follow Specific and Essential Compounding Steps; Failure to Follow Quality Reviews at Each Step on the Master Formula/ Compounding Record; Failure to Document Correct Ingredient Expiration Date; Failure to Label Compounded Drug Preparations Correctly and Completely; Failure to Keep Protected Information Secure; Failure to Keep Dangerous Drugs Secure in the Pharmacy; Failure to Store Controlled Substances Securely; Failure to Include Required Information on Controlled Substances Biennial Inventories; Failure to Appropriately Label Dangerous Drugs Held for Sale in Pharmacy; Failure of PIC to Document Annual Review of Compounding Policies & Procedures; Adulterated/ Expired Drugs in Active Stock; Failure to Notify the Board of a Loss in Controlled Substances; Failure to Notify Drug Delivery Patients of Right to Consultation; **Furnishing Compounded** Drug Preparation to Physician Office with Insufficient Documentation; Failure to Maintain Documentation re

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Cleaning of Compounding Facilities and Equipment; Failure to Report Sales of Compounded Controlled Substances to CURES; Unprofessional Conduct re Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines by Medical Assistants. **Action:** The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for 18 months subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 1/8/2025.

#### Baluvot, Rvan Narag, TCH 105509, AC 7863

American Canyon, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Unprofessional Conduct; Act of Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, or Corruption; False Statement.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 2/12/2025.

#### Benton, Crystal L., TCH 167930, AC 7712

Fairfield, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

**Unprofessional Conduct -**Dangerous Use of Alcoholic Beverages; Unprofessional Conduct - Criminal Conviction. **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 1/8/2025.

#### Brady, Alphonsus Michael, RPH 71414, AC 7690

Torrance, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Use of Alcoholic Beverages in a Dangerous or Injurious Manner; Failure to Notify the Board of Change of Address within 30 days; 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 3/5/2025.

#### Cabral, Kirstin M., TCH 174988, AC 7805

Fresno, 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 2/12/2025.

#### Chang, Long-Shyang, RPH 62419, AC 7741

Irvine, CA

### **Cause for discipline:**

**Unprofessional Conduct -**Furnishing Dangerous Drug without Prescription of Qualified Professional; Fraud; **Knowingly Making a Certificate** or Document That Falsely Represents the Existence of a State of Facts; Inappropriate Exercise of Education, Training, and Experience As a Pharmacist: Failure to Exercise Best Professional Judgment.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 3/5/2025.

#### Chiang, Cristy Yueh Lui, TCH 72129, AC 7857

San Francisco, CA

#### Cause for discipline:

**Unprofessional Conduct-Moral** Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, and/or Corruption; Submission of Renewal with False Information: Criminal

Conviction.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 2/12/2025.

#### Chicas, Raquel Araya, TCH 167243, AC 7842

Cudahy, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal Conviction, Burglary; Act Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, or Corruption.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 1/16/2025.

#### Chiu, Peter W., RPH 30425, AC 7367

Millbrae, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to Clarify Uncertain or Erroneous Prescriptions; Failure to Follow Specific and Essential Compounding Steps; Failure to Follow Quality Reviews at Each Step on the Master Formula/ Compounding Record; Failure to Document Correct Ingredient Expiration Date; Failure to Label Compounded Drug Preparations Correctly and Completely; Variation from a prescription; Multiple Allowable Beyond Use Dates Stated on Master Formula/ Compounding Record.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for one year subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 1/8/2025.

#### Choi, Julie Miae, RPH 56120, AC 7869

Mission Viejo, CA

Cause for discipline: Driving Under the Influence; Dangerous

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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 3/5/2025.

#### <u>Cisneros, Angela E., TCH 187004,</u> AC 7714

Los Angeles, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime; 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 2/21/2025.

#### <u>Cisneros, Ricardo, TCH 59072,</u> <u>AC 7715</u>

Tujunga, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime; Act Involving Moral Turpitude **Action:** The Accusation is dismissed. Effective 3/20/2025.

#### Cortez-Gomez, Brenda O., RPH 67947, AC 7033

Chula Vista, CA

Cause for discipline: Mollina investigation - Unauthorized Prescriptions; Unprofessional Conduct. La Mesa Cardiac investigation – Uncertain Prescription; Unprofessional Conduct.

**Action:** The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 1/16/2025.

<u>Deis, III, John J., TCH 42663, AC 7582</u>

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal Conviction for Insurance Fraud; Dishonest Act, lied under oath; Making Statement that Falsely Represents Facts.

**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 1/16/2025.

#### <u>Deis, III, John J., EXC 26584,</u> AC 7582

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal Conviction for Insurance Fraud; Dishonest Act, lied under oath; Making Statement that Falsely Represents Facts.

**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 1/16/2025.

#### <u>Demirchyan, Kachatur Chris,</u> <u>TCH 181607, AC 7822</u>

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a Substantially Related Crimes; Violated Statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs; Acts Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 2/12/2025.

#### <u>Dulin, Matthew W., Applicant,</u> <u>Statement of Issues Case SI 7817</u>

Pine Grove, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Conviction of a Crime; Violation of Statutes Regulating Controlled Substances.

Statement of Issues Withdrawn Effective January 13, 2025

## Fatouh Albana, Mary, TCH 79154, AC 7841

Escondido, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal Conviction for DUI; Alcohol-Related Criminal Conviction; 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 2/12/2025.

#### <u>Figueroa, Julian, TCH 148457,</u> <u>AC 7824</u>

Santa Ana, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal Conviction for Arranging a Meeting with a Minor with the Intent to Commit a Sexual Offense; Acts Involving Moral Turpitude.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 3/12/2025.

# Flores Moroyoqui, Rosario D., TCH 175322, AC 7607

Fontana, CA

#### Cause for discipline:

Convictions of Substantially Related Crimes; 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 1/8/2025.

## Fong, So-Sheung, RPH 47613, AC 7457

Modesto, CA

### Cause for discipline:

Inadequate Policies and

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Procedures; Inaccurate Beyond **Use Dates for Compounding** Sterile Drug Preparations; No Record of Beyond Use Dates for Sterile Compounded Drug Preparations; No Immediate Use Label for Medium Risk Sterile Compounded Drug Preparations; No Record of Date Compounded for Sterile Compounded Drug Preparations; Failure to Follow Pharmacy's Written Policies and Procedures; Failure to Notify Board Ceasing to Act as PIC. **Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 2/12/2025.

#### Grewal, Amritpal S., RPH 52888, AC 7684

Corona, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance/Dangerous Drug; Dangerous Use of Drugs; General **Unprofessional Conduct.** 

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 1/8/2025.

#### Hur, David D., RPH 62156, AC 7716

Dublin, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of Substantially Related Crime; Commission of Acts Involving Moral Turpitude.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 2/12/2025.

James, Charles Michael, TCH 102179, AC 7743 Salinas, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Act Involving Moral turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit or

Corruption: Conviction of Substantially Related Crime. **Action:** The license is revoked

and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 2/12/2025.

#### Khan, Adnan A., TCH 197284, AC 7865

Carmichael, CA

#### Cause for discipline:

**Unprofessional Conduct:** Dishonest Acts; Unprofessional Conduct: Self-Administering a Controlled Substance; **Unprofessional Conduct:** Violating a Statute Regulating Controlled Substances.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 1/8/2025.

#### Kohanpour, Ashkan Shawn, RPH 56067, AC 7558

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal Conviction – Aiding and Assisting in the Preparation of a False Tax Return; Commission of Any Act Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit; Knowingly Making or Signing Any Certificate or Other Document that Falsely Represents the Existence or Nonexistence of a State of Facts; Revocation, Suspension, or Other Discipline by Another State. **Action:** The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and

conditions in the decision. Effective 1/8/2025.

### Krause, Laura M., TCH 60142, AC 7669

El Cajon, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Criminal Conviction for "Wet Reckless" Driving; Dangerous Use of Controlled Substances: Violation of State Laws Regulating Controlled Substances: **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 2/12/2025.

#### Kurniawan, Brandon John, RPH 81262, AC 7862

Rancho Cucamonga, CA **Cause for discipline:** Criminal Conviction, Attempted First Degree Residential Burglary; 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 3/12/2025.

#### Lavarias, Jerome Vincent, TCH 171096, AC 7860

Fremont, CA

Cause for discipline: Dangerous or Injurious Use of Alcohol; Conviction of Misdemeanors **Involving Consumption** of Alcohol; Conviction of Substantially Related Crimes. **Action:** The license is revoked

and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 2/12/2025.

#### Mangeac, Silviu E., TCH 163855, AC 7873

Roseville, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal Conviction; Dangerous Use of Alcohol; Conviction of a Crime

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Involving Alcohol.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 1/16/2025.

## Manriquez, Almariejoy A., TCH 173283, AC 7890

Stockton, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Conviction of a Crime; Acts Involving Moral Turpitude; Falsely Representing the Existence or Nonexistence of a State of Facts.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 2/12/2025.

#### McCalister, Tiaira S., TCH 36429, AC 7451

Visalia, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Conviction of a Crime; 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 three years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 3/5/2025.

#### McNease, Joette L., TCH 157144, AC 7769

Lakeside, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Conviction for Driving Under the Influence; Dangerous Use of Alcohol.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 1/16/2025.

# McComb, Elisa G., TCH 35895, AC 7834

Stockton, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Conviction of Crime; Violation of statutes

Regulating Controlled Substances.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 1/16/2025.

#### Muniz, Tiffany N., TCH 199661, SI 7912

Beaumont, CA

Cause for denial: Conviction for

DUI with Injury.

Action: The Application for a Pharmacy Technician 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 1/8/2025.

#### Mused, Anwer A., TCH 198978, SI 7924

Ceres, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Criminal Conviction.

Action: The Application for a Pharmacy Technician 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 1/8/2025.

# Negrete, Kristina Jolene, TCH 79710, AC 7725

Goleta, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime; Dangerous Use of Alcohol; Knowingly Made a False Statement of Fact; Acts Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit. **Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 3/12/2025.

#### Nguyen, Van Nhu, RPH 66262, AC 7629

Yucaipa, CA

### Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional Conduct

– Dishonesty; Violations
of Controlled Substance
Statutes; Unlawful Possession
of a Controlled Substance;
Prescribing Controlled Substance
for Self; Disciplinary Conditions
of Probation of Pharmacist.

Action: The license is revoked
and the right to practice or
operate has ended.
Effective 2/12/2025.

#### Norris, David Colahan, RPH 47155, AC 7803

Stockton, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Unprofessional Conduct:
Commission of Acts Involving
Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty,
Fraud, Deceit, and/or Corruption;
Knowingly Making or Signing
Documents that Falsely
Represent the Existence or
Nonexistence of a State of Facts. **Action:** The license is revoked
and the right to practice or
operate has ended.
Effective 3/12/2025.

#### Pedalino, Anthony E., RPH 66342, AC 7515

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal Conviction for Wet Reckless; Criminal Conviction for Disobeying Court Order; Dangerous Use of Alcohol; Unprofessional Conduct.

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

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license is placed on probation for five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 2/12/2025.

# Pedalino, Anthony E., APH 10335, AC 7515

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal Conviction for Wet Reckless; Criminal Conviction for Disobeying Court Order; 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. Effective 2/12/2025.

## Rahimi, Shapoor, RPH 70570, AC 7630

Sherman Oaks, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Failure to Exercise Corresponding Responsibility; Unprofessional Conduct, Violating Regulation Applicable to Pharmacy; Misuse of Education.

**Action:** The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 3/5/2025.

## Rahman, Navid A., RPH 53027, AC 7487

Brentwood, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Incorrect Labeling of Dispensed Medications; Conviction of Substantially Related Crime.

**Action:** The probation previously ordered on license shall be extended for an additional period of nine months from the date of execution subject to terms and conditions in the

decision. Effective 1/8/2025.

## Reyes, Leslie, TCH 181466, AC 7378

Escondido, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Unprofessional Conduct – Dangerous Use of Alcohol; General Unprofessional Conduct. **Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 2/12/2025.

#### Sanchez, Collin K., RPH 60885, AC 7780

Riverside, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal Conviction for Child Abuse; Commission of Acts Involving Moral Turpitude; Knowingly Making a False Statement.

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 3/12/2025.

#### Sandoval, Erika, TCH 171740, AC 7905

Whittier, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime; Dangerous Use of Alcohol.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Effective 3/12/2025.

# Scott, Kelly Ann, TCH 12258, AC 7776

San Diego, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Criminal Conviction for DUI; Dangerous Use of Alcohol.

**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 3/5/2025.

#### Stephens, Ahjanae S., TCH 170399, AC 7783

Fresno, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Criminal Conviction; Acts Involving Moral Turpitude.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 2/12/2025.

## Tran, Benjamin, TCH 96736, AC 7699

Elk Grove, CA

Cause for discipline: General Unprofessional Conduct; Dangerous Use of Controlled Substance; Substantially Related Conviction.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 1/8/2025.

#### <u>Valencia, Erik, EXC 25974,</u> <u>AC 7831</u>

Visalia, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Criminal Conviction; Multiple Alcohol Related Convictions; Dangerous Use of Alcohol.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 3/5/2025.

#### Valley, Scott John, RPH 51595, AC 7770

Monrovia, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Conviction – DUI; Dangerous Use of Alcohol; Multiple Convictions Involving the 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 2/12/2025.

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#### <u>Vasquez, Juan D., TCH 96989,</u> AC 7900

South Pasadena, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime; Dangerous Use of Alcohol; Alcohol Related Convictions

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 3/12/2025.

#### Villaneda, Lilianna, TCH 178723, AC 7772

Escondido, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Unprofessional Conduct -Commission of Act Involving Moral Turpitude; Criminal Conviction.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 1/8/2025.

#### <u>Vu, Vicky K., RPH 57654, AC 7662</u> Fullerton, 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; Operational Standards; Misbranded and Adulterated Drugs; No Biennial Inventory of Controlled Substances; Conducting Business with No Pharmacist-In-Charge.

**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 2/12/2025.

#### Wimenta, Ingrid, TCH 61424, AC 7510

Pasadena, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Compounding Drugs While Under the Influence; Prohibition on Prescribing Controlled Substances for Self.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 3/20/2025.

Wyatt, Donald R., Applicant, SI 7762

Modesto, CA

#### Cause for discipline:

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 five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 1/16/2025.

## Yang, Melissa P., TCH 101302, AC 7866

San Jacinto, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal Conviction for Driving Under the Influence; Alcohol-Related Criminal Conviction; Dangerous Use of Alcohol; Unprofessional Conduct.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 1/16/2025.

#### **Facility Licenses**

#### Care4U Pharmacy, PHY 56024, AC 7367

Daly City, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Failure to Clarify Uncertain or Erroneous Prescriptions; Failure to Follow Specific and Essential Compounding Steps; Failure to Follow Quality Reviews at Each Step on the Master Formula/ Compounding Record; Failure to Document Correct Ingredient Expiration Date; Failure to Label **Compounded Drug Preparations** Correctly and Completely; Failure to Keep Protected Information Secure; Failure to Keep Dangerous Drugs Secure in the Pharmacy; Failure to Store Controlled Substances Securely; Failure to Include Required Information on Controlled Substances Biennial Inventories: Failure to Appropriately Label Dangerous Drugs Held for Sale in Pharmacy; Failure of PIC to Document Annual Review of Compounding Policies & Procedures; Adulterated/ Expired Drugs in Active Stock; Failure to Notify the Board of a Loss in Controlled Substances; Failure to Notify Drug Delivery Patients of Right to Consultation; **Furnishing Compounded** Drug Preparation to Physician Office with Insufficient Documentation: Failure to Maintain Documentation re Cleaning of Compounding Facilities and Equipment; Failure to Report Sales of Compounded Controlled Substances to CURES; **Unprofessional Conduct re** Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines by Medical Assistants; Variation from a Prescription; Multiple Allowable Beyond Use Dates Stated on Master Formula/ Compounding Record.

**Action:** The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for 18 months subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 1/8/2025.

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## Central Rx Pharmacy, PHY 55855, AC 7487

Brentwood, CA

Cause for discipline: Incorrect Labeling of Dispensed Medications; Incomplete Inventory and/or Records of Acquisition and/or Disposition; Inadequate Security.

**Action:** The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 1/8/2025.

#### CVS Pharmacy #16092, PHY 53972, AC 7259

Woonsocket, RI

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Prohibited Acts- Administration of Adulterated Vaccines; Unprofessional Conduct; Fraud; Quality Assurance Program; Supervision of Intern.

**Action:** The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 3/12/2025.

## Infinity Pharmacy, PHY 57173, AC 7630

Culver City, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Failure to Exercise Corresponding Responsibility.

**Action:** The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 3/5/2025.

## Palm Care Pharmacy, PHY 53746, AC 7033

El Cajon, CA

Cause for discipline: Molina Investigation - Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud; Unauthorized Prescriptions; Forgery; **Unprofessional Conduct: Qlarant** Investigation - Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud; Subvert or Attempt to Subvert an Investigation: Incorrect Labeling; Unprofessional Conduct: Latuda Investigation - Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud; **Unprofessional Conduct: La** Maestra Investigation - Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud; Unauthorized Prescriptions; Forgery; Subvert or Attempt to Subvert an Investigation; Incorrect Labeling; Adulterated Drugs; Unprofessional Conduct; Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit: La Mesa Cardiac Investigation -Insurance Fraud; Unauthorized Prescriptions; Incorrect Labeling; **Unprofessional Conduct: Patient** M.A. Investigation - Incorrect Labeling; Unprofessional Conduct: Patient F.S. Investigation - Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Incorrect Labeling; Subvert or Attempt to Subvert an Investigation: Patient A.A. Investigation - Incorrect Labeling; Subvert or Attempt to Subvert an Investigation; **Unprofessional Conduct: Cash** Compromise of CSA Violations. **Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. The effective date shall be stayed until April 26, 2025, at which time the

pharmacy shall be sold or closed. Effective 1/16/2025.

## Palm Care Pharmacy, PHY 56207, AC 7033

National City, CA

Cause for discipline: Molina Investigation - Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud; Unauthorized Prescriptions; Forgery; **Unprofessional Conduct: Qlarant** Investigation - Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud; Subvert or Attempt to Subvert an Investigation; Incorrect Labeling; Unprofessional Conduct: Latuda Investigation - Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud; **Unprofessional Conduct: La** Maestra Investigation - Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Insurance Fraud; Unauthorized Prescriptions; Forgery; Subvert or Attempt to Subvert an Investigation; Incorrect Labeling; Adulterated Drugs; Unprofessional Conduct; Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit: La Mesa Cardiac Investigation -Insurance Fraud; Unauthorized Prescriptions; Incorrect Labeling; **Unprofessional Conduct: Patient** M.A. Investigation - Incorrect Labeling; Unprofessional Conduct: Patient F.S. Investigation - Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Making or Signing Document that Falsely Represents; Incorrect

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Labeling; Subvert or Attempt to Subvert an Investigation: Patient A.A. Investigation - Incorrect Labeling; Subvert or Attempt to Subvert an Investigation; Unprofessional Conduct: Cash Compromise of CSA Violations. **Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. The effective date shall be stayed until April

# Walgreens #04724, PHY 53111, AC 7425

pharmacy shall be sold or closed.

26, 2025, at which time the

Effective 1/16/2025.

Antioch, CA

Cause for discipline: Variation from a Prescription; Failure to Maintain Operational Standards; Failure to Timely Report Drug Loss and Security; Failure to Compile Inventory Reconciliation Reports regarding Controlled Substance.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 1/8/2025.

#### Walgreens #02445, NRP 1949, AC 7425

Orlando, FL

Cause for discipline: Variation from a Prescription; Failure to Maintain Operational Standards; Failure to Timely Report Drug Loss and Security; Failure to Compile Inventory Reconciliation Reports regarding Controlled Substance.

**Action:** The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 1/8/2025.

Walgreens Co., dba Walgreens #05300, PHY 52866, AC 7739 Highland, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Failure to Comply with Operational Standards and Security.

**Action:** The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for a period of two years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 1/8/2025.

#### Disciplinary Actions for April 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025 Personal Licenses

#### Acosta III, Jesse, TCH 164536, AC 7848

Bakersfield, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal Conviction, Battery; Dangerous Use of Alcoholic Beverages; Commission of Any 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.

Effective 4/23/2025.

#### Adolfo, Ralph Jez S., TCH 154979, AC 7854

Loma Linda, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Dangerous Use of Alcoholic Beverages; Unprofessional Conduct.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 6/27/2025.

#### Alfaro, George Juan, TCH 83932, AC 7811

Daly City, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Substantially Related Criminal Conviction; Dangerous Use of Alcohol.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily

surrendered. Effective 4/2/2025.

## Andrade, Unique, TCH 151102, AC 7826

Downey, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime; Dangerous Use of Alcohol; Alcohol Related Convictions.

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 5/14/2025.

#### Baez, Stephanie, TCH 168261, AC 7876

Long Beach, CA

Cause for discipline: Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs Without a Prescription; Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, or Corruption; Obtained Controlled Substances by Fraud, Deceit, Subterfuge, or Concealment of Material Fact; Violations of Controlled Substance Statutes.

**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 6/4/2025.

#### Bates, Nori Jean, TCH 21147, AC 7653

Nevada City, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

**Unprofessional Conduct.** 

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

Effective 6/4/2025.

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<u>Cabrera, Anne Roberto,</u> RPH 40776, AC 7187

Mission Viejo, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Erroneous or Uncertain Prescriptions; Furnishing Dangerous Drugs without a Prescription.

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

Effective 6/4/2025.

#### Casaburi, Susan, TCH 160656, AC 7785

Lake Isabella, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction – DUI; Dangerous Use of Alcohol. Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Effective 4/9/2025.

## Catellanos, Yesenia, TCH 158760, AC 7916

Delano, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Unprofessional Conduct; Dishonest Act; Violation of Statutes.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 4/3/2025.

#### <u>Chae, Warren Sooyoung,</u> RPH 58955, AC 7879

Corona, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Violation of probation.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 4/2/2025.

#### Edema, Adeola O., RPH 63688, AC 7527

Clovis, CA

Cause for discipline: Holding **Expired and Adulterated** Medications: Prohibited Acts, Dispensing of Expired Medications: Failure to Complete a Controlled Substance Inventory; Failure to Conduct Required Quarterly Schedule II **Controlled Substance Inventory** Reconciliation: Failure to Transmit a Controlled Substance Prescription to CURES; Acts Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, or Corruption; Knowingly Making or Signing False Documents; Conduct that Subverts an Investigation of the Board; Excessive Furnishing of a Controlled Substance; Excessive Furnishing of a Controlled Substance; Unauthorized Prescription; Maintenance of Records.

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

Effective 4/7/2025.

#### Estrada, Brittany Amber, TCH 161692, AC 7856

Reedley, 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 4/2/2025.

#### Estrada, Diana, TCH 71807, AC 7932 Bakersfield, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to Cooperate with Board Staff; Failure to Report to the Board; Failure to Interview with the Board; Failure to Comply with Reimbursement of Board Costs; Failure to Comply with Clinical Diagnostic Evaluation; Failure to Comply with Drug and Alcohol Testing; Failure to Attend Substance Abuse Recovery Relapse Prevention and Support Groups.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 5/7/2025.

## Gapuz, Robert Paul, RPH 72512, AC 7827

Stockton, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Conviction of Crime; Dangerous Use of Alcohol.

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

Effective 5/7/2025.

#### Gardner, Jr., Asa, INT 49265, AC 7896

Paso Robles, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime; Dangerous Use of Alcohol; Alcohol Related Convictions.

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

Effective 4/2/2025.

# Glick, Kevin Craig, RPH 38132, AC 7843

Lihue, HI

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Assignment of Unsupported Extended Beyond Use Dates;

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Failure to have a Compliant Compounding Environment; Misbranded Drugs; Failure to Follow Policies and Procedures; Failure to Initial Orally transmitted prescription; Failure to Conform to Label Requirements; Incompetence; Gross Negligence; Inappropriate Use of Education, Training, and Experience.

**Action:** The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/27/2025.

#### Hall, Robert Dale, RPH 29479, AC 7187

Suamico, WI

**Cause for discipline:** Erroneous or Uncertain Prescriptions; Records and Inventory: Records Relating to Dangerous Drugs and Devices; Inventory Reconciliation Report of Controlled Substances: Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, or Corruption; Furnishing Dangerous Drugs without a Prescription; Failure to Take **Ensure Compliance with** Pharmacy Law; Dispensing **Dangerous Drugs Out of State** without a License: Erroneous or Uncertain Prescriptions; Records of Acquisition and Disposition of Dangerous Drugs and Devices; Furnishing Dangerous Drugs without a Prescription; **Unprofessional Conduct: Moral** Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, or Corruption.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 6/4/2025.

Heimforth, Rayanne Helen, TCH 172212, AC 7852 Torrance, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit; Possession of Controlled Substances Without Prescription; Possession of Controlled Substance by Fraud or Deceit. **Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Effective 6/4/2025.

#### Houston, Damon, TCH 171185, AC 7603

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Dangerous Use of Alcohol; Moral Turpitude; Unprofessional Conduct.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 4/9/2025.

# Hutchison, Vincent Raymond, TCH 100749, AC 7861

Fowler, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of Crime; 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.

Effective 6/4/2025.

#### <u>Jimenez, Brigitte Alcala,</u> <u>TCH 185647, AC 7735</u>

American Canyon, CA

Cause for discipline: Acts
Involving Moral Turpitude,
Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit
or Corruption; Furnishing of
Dangerous Drug; Possession
of Controlled Substance;
Obtaining Controlled Substance
by Fraud, Deceit or Subterfuge;
Unprofessional Conduct.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 6/4/2025.

Jones, Jeffrey La Barron, TCH 12566, AC 7940

Antioch, CA

Cause for discipline: Dangerous

Use of Alcohol.

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

Effective 6/27/2025.

#### Kanwar, Anil, RPH 81880, AC 7618

Orange, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to Maintain Records of Acquisition and Disposition of Dangerous Drugs; Failure to Maintain Current Inventory of Dangerous Drugs; Furnishing of Dangerous Drugs to Pharmacies; Unprofessional Conduct.

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

Effective 6/27/2025.

# Lucente, Patricia, TCH 171521, AC 7883

Camarillo, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime; Acts Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, or Corruption.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 4/23/2025.

#### Montes, Eric, TCH 115373, Statement of Issues Case SI 4357

Modesto, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Criminal Convictions; Use of Alcohol to an

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Extent or in a Manner Dangerous to Seif or Others.

The Application for a Pharmacy Technician License is granted. Upon satisfaction of all requirements, Action: The license is issued, revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years subject to the terms and conditions.

Effective 6/19/2025.

#### Morales, Daisy, TCH 175896, AC 7954

North Hollywood, CA **Cause for discipline:** Criminal
Conviction, Wet Reckless;
Dangerous Use of Alcohol. **Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended.

Effective 6/27/2025.

## Naghi, Pantea, RPH 52061, AC 7552

Beverly Hills, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional Conduct, failed to comply with statutes governing controlled substance prescriptions by failing to reduce prescriptions to writing and by failing to sign and date prescriptions; dispensed dozens of prescriptions for controlled substances, and in some cases prescription refills, to patients in states in which Respondents were not licensed or registered; Failure to Ensure Compliance with Pharmacy Law.

**Action:** The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for thirty-five (35) months subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 4/2/2025.

## Nourani, Noushin, TCH 54497, AC 7902

Los Angeles, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit; Violation of Laws Governing Controlled Substances; Violation of Laws Governing Pharmacy. **Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 4/2/2025.

#### Orozco, Sara Lynn, TCH 135464, AC 7698

Coalinga, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Criminal Conviction; Dangerous Use of Alcohol.

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

Effective 6/4/2025.

#### Pacheco, Adolfo Najera, TCH 190165, AC 7901

Oxnard, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal Conviction, Public Nuisance & Carry a Concealed Firearm; Act Involving Moral Turpitude; Violation of Statute Regulating Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 5/7/2025.

#### Patel, Kinjal Ghanshyam, RPH 61294, AC 7539

Irvine, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Purchased and/or Warehoused Dangerous Drugs From Unlicensed Wholesalers Against Respondents; Held or Offered for Sale Adulterated Drugs; Sold or Delivered Adulterated Drugs; Violations of Drug Supply Chain Security Act; Inappropriate Exercise of Education, Training or Experience; Unprofessional Conduct

**Action:** The license is revoked, the revocation stayed the license is placed on probation for four years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/27/2025.

#### Patel, Shekha Dashrath, RPH 60337, AC 7223

Newport Beach, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Purchased and/or Warehoused Dangerous Drugs From Unlicensed Wholesalers Against Respondents; Held or Offered for Sale Adulterated Drugs; Sold or Delivered Adulterated Drugs; Violations of Drug Supply Chain Security Act; Inappropriate Exercise of Education, Training or Experience; Unprofessional Conduct.

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

Effective 6/27/2025.

#### <u>Patel, Shital J., RPH 50125,</u> AC 7538

La Palma, CA

#### Cause for discipline:

Purchased and/or Warehoused Dangerous Drugs From Unlicensed Wholesalers Against Respondents; Held or Offered for Sale Adulterated Drugs; Sold or Delivered Adulterated Drugs; Violations of Drug Supply Chain Security Act; Inappropriate Exercise of Education, Training or Experience; Unprofessional Conduct.

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

Effective 6/27/2025.

#### Patel, Shital J., RPH 50125, AC 7618

La Palma, CA

#### Cause for discipline:

Purchased and/or Warehoused Dangerous Drugs From Unlicensed Wholesalers Against Respondents; Held or Offered for Sale Adulterated Drugs; Sold or Delivered Adulterated Drugs; Violations of Drug Supply Chain Security Act; Inappropriate Exercise of Education, Training or Experience; Unprofessional Conduct.

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

Effective 6/27/2025.

#### Phan, Danggiao The, RPH 61955, AC 7733

Upland, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Unprofessional Conduct; Misuse of Education; Erroneous or Uncertain Prescriptions.

**Action:** The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 5/7/2025.

## Phan, Timothy, RPH 80237, AC 7872

Anaheim, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Failure to have Controlled Substances

Inventories; Failure to have Reconciliation Reports; Failure to have Records Regarding Acquisition and Disposition of Dangerous Drugs and Dangerous Devices: Failure to have Self-Assessments; Collection of Drugs Without DEA Registration; Failure to Properly Maintain Pharmacy; Failure to Use Compliant Labels; (Failure to have Policies and Procedures Regarding Quality Assurance; Failure to have Policies and Procedures Regarding Theft and Impairment; Failure to have Policies and **Procedures Regarding Temporary** Absence of Pharmacist: Failure to have Pharmacy Technician Job Description; Improper Pharmacist to Pharmacy Technician Ratio: Failure to have Policies and Procedures Regarding Assisting Patients with Limited or No English Proficiency; Failure to Correctly Display the "Point to Your Language" Sign; Failure to Correctly Display License. **Action:** The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and

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

Effective 6/4/2025.

#### Reyes, Franklin Eliseo, TCH 117755, AC 7944

Los Angeles, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Criminal Conviction, Battery; Act Involving Moral Turpitude.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 6/27/2025.

Rivera, Nizhoni Aloni, TCH 81410, AC 7779

Elk Grove, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Unprofessional Conduct, Dangerous Use of Alcohol; Conviction of a Crime; Multiple convictions involving alcohol. **Action:** The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and Action: The license is placed on probation for five years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 5/7/2025.

#### Santibanez, Gabriela, TCH 11013, AC 7840

Escondido, CA

Cause for discipline: Criminal Conviction for Conspiracy to Commit HealthCare Fraud; Moral Turpitude; Unprofessional Conduct.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 6/4/2025.

#### Schaefer, Mark Allen, RPH 32265, AC 7847

Los Angeles, 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 4/23/2025.

# Truong, Stephanie, RPH 81161, AC 7638

Arleta, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Unauthorized Possession of Licensing Examination Content; Violation of Examination Security; Unprofessional Conduct.

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

Effective 4/2/2025.

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#### Van Liere, Taylor N., TCH 190241, AC 7828

Westlake Village, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Moral Turpitude, Fraud, Dishonesty, Deceit, or Corruption; Dangerous Self-Administration of Controlled Substances: Violation of Controlled Substances Law; Violation of Any Provision of the Pharmacy Laws; Conduct Warranting License Denial; Criminal Conviction; Dangerous Use of a Controlled Substance. **Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

#### Vela, Renee, TCH 165087, AC 7781

Hacienda Heights, CA

Effective 5/14/2025.

Cause for discipline: Dangerous Use of Alcoholic Beverages and/ or a Dangerous Drug; Knowingly Made or Signed Any Certificate or Other Document That Falsely Represents the Existence or Nonexistence of a State of Facts. Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and Action: The license is placed on probation for four years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/4/2025.

#### <u>Yam, Jenny Yan, RPH 59408,</u> AC 7692

San Gabriel, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Misbranded Drugs; Selling Expired Drugs; Failure to Maintain Records and Current Inventory.

Action: The license is revoked,

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

Effective 4/9/2025.

#### Zavala, Anthony, TCH 148012, AC 7477

Palmdale, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of Substantially Related Crimes; Unlawful Transport, Furnishing, and Sale of Controlled Substances; Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance; Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance; Violations of the Pharmacy Law.

**Action:** The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 4/2/2025.

#### **Facility Licenses**

# AHCS Specialty Care, PHY Applicant, SI 7210

Mission Viejo, CA

Cause for discipline: Purchased and/or Warehoused Dangerous Drugs; Held or Offered for Sale Adulterated Drugs; Sold or Delivered Adulterated Drugs; Violations of Drug Supply Chain Security Act; Unprofessional Conduct.

The application is denied. Effective 6/27/2025.

#### AHCS Specialty Care, PHY 55932, AC 7538

Garden Grove, CA

Cause for discipline: Purchased and/or Warehoused Dangerous Drugs; Held or Offered for Sale Adulterated Drugs; Sold or Delivered Adulterated Drugs; Violations of Drug Supply Chain Security Act; Unprofessional Conduct.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 6/27/2025.

## AHCS Specialty Care, PHY 55932, AC 7618

Garden Grove, CA

Cause for discipline: Purchased and/or Warehoused Dangerous Drugs; Held or Offered for Sale Adulterated Drugs; Sold or Delivered Adulterated Drugs; Violations of Drug Supply Chain Security Act; Unprofessional Conduct.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 6/27/2025.

## AHCS Specialty Care, PHY 58059, AC 7618

Garden Grove, CA

Cause for discipline: Purchased and/or Warehoused Dangerous Drugs; Held or Offered for Sale Adulterated Drugs; Sold or Delivered Adulterated Drugs; Violations of Drug Supply Chain Security Act; Unprofessional Conduct.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 6/27/2025.

# AHCS Specialty Care, PHY 58059, AC 7618

Garden Grove, CA

Cause for discipline: Purchased and/or Warehoused Dangerous Drugs; Held or Offered for Sale Adulterated Drugs; Sold or Delivered Adulterated Drugs; Violations of Drug Supply Chain Security Act; Unprofessional Conduct.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 6/27/2025.

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#### AlixaRx, PHY 59130, AC 7798

Fresno, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing Incorrect Tubing for a Dangerous Device; Failure to Document an Error/Quality Assurance; Failure to Properly Document Components Utilized during Compounding.

**Action:** The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 4/9/2025.

#### AlixaRx, LSC 101861, AC 7798 Fresno, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing Incorrect Tubing for a Dangerous Device; Failure to Document an Error/Quality Assurance; Failure to Properly Document Components Utilized during Compounding.

**Action:** The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 4/9/2025.

#### AlixaRx, PHY 51693, AC 7798 Fresno, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing Incorrect Tubing for a Dangerous Device; Failure to Document an Error/Quality Assurance; Failure to Properly Document Components Utilized during Compounding.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 4/9/2025.

## AlixaRx, LSC 99953, AC 7798

Fresno, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing Incorrect Tubing for a Dangerous Device; Failure to Document an Error/Quality Assurance; Failure to Properly Document

Components Utilized during Compounding.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 4/9/2025.

# Apex Community Pharmacy, PHY 57627, AC 7853

Lemon Grove, CA

#### Cause for discipline:

**Unprofessional Conduct: Acts** Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, or Corruption; Maintenance of Records/Operational Standards and Security; CURES Project for Electronic Monitoring of Prescription Drugs; Inventory Reconciliation Report of Controlled Substances; Biennial Inventory; Procedures Addressing Chemical, Mental, or Physical Impairment; Failure to Maintain Patient Centered Labeling for Prescription Drug Containers: Failure to Maintain Policies and Procedures Regarding Operation of Pharmacy During Absence of Pharmacist; Failure to Maintain Quality Assurance Programs; Failure to Maintain Pharmacy Technician Job Descriptions or Policies; Failure to Complete Self-Assessment of Pharmacy Compliance with Federal and State Pharmacy Law; Failure to Display License; Duty to Consult. Action: The license is revoked and the right to practice or operate has ended. Effective 4/9/2025.

#### <u>California Pharmacy and</u> <u>Compounding Center, PHY</u> <u>57141, AC 7187</u>

Newport Beach, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Erroneous or Uncertain Prescriptions As Against Respondent Pharmacy and Respondent Hall; Erroneous

or Uncertain Prescriptions As Against Respondent Cabrera; Records and Inventory: Records Relating to Dangerous Drugs and Devices; Inventory Reconciliation Report of Controlled Substances: **Unprofessional Conduct: Moral** Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, or Corruption; Furnishing Dangerous Drugs without a Prescription; Failure to Take **Ensure Compliance with** Pharmacy Law; Dispensing **Dangerous Drugs Out of State** without a License; Erroneous or **Uncertain Prescriptions: Records** of Acquisition and Disposition of Dangerous Drugs and Devices; Furnishing Dangerous Drugs without a Prescription; **Unprofessional Conduct: Moral** Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, or Corruption; Unprofessional Conduct: Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, or Corruption. **Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered.

Effective 6/4/2025.

#### <u>Crescent Drugs, Inc., PHY 50359,</u> <u>AC 7552</u>

Culver City, CA

#### Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional Conduct, failed to reduce prescriptions to writing and failed to sign and date prescriptions; dispensed prescriptions for controlled substances, and in some cases prescription refills, to patients in states in which Respondents were not licensed or registered. **Action:** The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for thirty-five (35) months subject to the terms and conditions in the decision.

Effective 4/2/2025.

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CVS Pharmacy #09509, PHY 49596, AC 7585

Concord, CA

**Cause for discipline:** Failure to Maintain Appropriate Temperature in Pharmacy; Failure to Maintain Pharmacy Cleanliness.

**Action:** The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/4/2025.

## Entrega Pharmacy, PHY 58149, AC 7872

Lancaster, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to have Controlled Substances Inventories; Failure to have Reconciliation Reports; Failure to have Records Regarding Acquisition and Disposition of **Dangerous Drugs and Dangerous** Devices; Failure to have Self-Assessments: Collection of Drugs Without DEA Registration; Failure to Properly Maintain Pharmacy; Failure to Use Compliant Labels; Failure to have Policies and Procedures Regarding Quality Assurance; Failure to have Policies and Procedures Regarding Theft and Impairment; Failure to have Policies and Procedures Regarding Temporary Absence of Pharmacist; Failure to have Pharmacy Technician Job Description; Improper Pharmacist to Pharmacy Technician Ratio; Failure to have Policies and Procedures **Regarding Assisting Patients** with Limited or No English Proficiency; Failure to Correctly Display the "Point to Your Language" Sign; Failure to Correctly Display License.

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

Effective 6/4/2025.

Excel Specialty Pharmacy LLC, PHY 57135, AC 7527

Clovis, CA

Cause for discipline: Holding **Expired and Adulterated** Medications: Prohibited Acts, Dispensing of Expired Medications; Failure to Complete a Controlled Substance Inventory; Failure to Conduct Required Quarterly Schedule **II Controlled Substance** Inventory Reconciliation; Failure to Transmit a Controlled Substance Prescription to CURES; Unauthorized Prescription; **Excessive Furnishing of** a Controlled Substance: **Unprofessional Conduct:** Maintenance of Records.

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

Effective 4/7/2025.

<u>Garden Grove Community</u> <u>Pharmacy, PHY 51109, AC 7223</u> Garden Grove, CA

Cause for discipline: Purchased and/or Warehoused Dangerous Drugs From Unlicensed Wholesalers; Held or Offered for Sale Adulterated Drugs; Sold or Delivered Adulterated Drugs; Violations of Drug Supply Chain Security Act; Unprofessional Conduct.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 6/27/2025.

HRx Pharmacy LLC, NRP 1973, AC 7838

Salt Lake City, UT

Cause for discipline: Out of

State Discipline.

**Action:** The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and Action: The license is placed on probation for thirty months subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 4/23/2025

<u>Lihue Pharmacy Inc.,</u> NSC 101126, AC 7843

Lihue, HI

#### Cause for discipline:

Assignment of Unsupported Extended Beyond Use Dates; Failure to have a Compliant Compounding Environment; Misbranded Drugs; Failure to Follow Policies and Procedures; Failure to Initial Orally Transmitted Prescription; Failure to Conform to Label Requirements; Incompetence; Gross Negligence; Assignment of Unsupported Extended Beyond Use Dates; Failure to have a Compliant Compounding **Environment**; Misbranded Drugs; Failure to Follow Policies and Procedures; Failure to Initial Orally transmitted prescription; Failure to Conform to Label Requirements; Incompetence; Gross Negligence; Inappropriate Use of Education, Training, and Experience.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 6/27/2025.

<u>Lihue Pharmacy Inc., NRP 2040, AC 7843</u>

Lihue, HI

#### Cause for discipline:

Assignment of Unsupported

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**Action:** The license is publicly reproved subject to terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 6/27/2025.

#### Mission Plaza Pharmacy, PHY 51550, AC 7539

Mission Viejo, CA

Cause for discipline: Purchased and/or Warehoused Dangerous Drugs From Unlicensed Wholesalers; Held or Offered for Sale Adulterated Drugs; Sold or Delivered Adulterated Drugs; Violations of Drug Supply Chain Security Act; Unprofessional Conduct.

**Action:** The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 6/27/2025.

Mission Plaza Pharmacy 3, PHY Applicant, Statement of Issues Case SI 7211

Anaheim, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Purchased and/or Warehoused Dangerous Drugs From Unlicensed Wholesalers; Held or Offered for Sale Adulterated Drugs; Sold or Delivered Adulterated Drugs; Violations of Drug Supply Chain Security Act; Unprofessional Conduct. The application is denied. Effective 6/27/2025.

## Smith Pharmacy, PHY 41098, AC 7692

Los Angeles, CA

#### **Cause for discipline:**

Misbranded Drugs; Selling Expired Drugs; Failure to Maintain Records and Current Inventory.

**Action:** The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, the license is placed on probation for three years subject to the terms and conditions in the decision. Effective 4/9/2025.