BOARD ACTIONS AT OCT. 26-27 MEETING

The California State Board of Pharmacy adopted final wording for regulations on prescription drug take-back services at a two-day meeting in San Jose and directed staff to submit the rulemaking file for review by the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Office of Administrative Law. The text of the take-back regulations, which would add sections 1776 *et seq.* to Title 16 of the California Code or Regulations (CCR), may be viewed <u>here</u>.

Board members also approved changes in proposed wording to amend or add CCR sections 1702, 1702.1, 1702.2 and 1702.5 related to reporting convictions and discipline for license renewal. The modified text – which may be viewed <u>here</u> – has been noticed for a 15-day comment period ending Nov. 11, 2016.

The board also approved proposed language for amendments to other pending regulations, including:

- CCR section 1709, to include provisions relating to trust ownership of pharmacies.
- CCR section 1749, to establish a new fee schedule for the issuance and renewal of licensees, certificates and permits.
- CCR section 1793.65, to approve pharmacy technician certification programs offered by Pharmacy Technician Certification Board and the National Healthcareer Association until Jan. 1, 2021.
- CCR section 1780 *et seq.*, to establish a regulatory framework for third-party logistics providers.
- Approved proposed language to amend CCR section 1715 to update Form 17M-13 and Form 17M-14 (pharmacy self-assessment by the pharmacist-in-charge) and CCR section 1784 to update Form 17M-26 (wholesaler self-assessment by the designated representative-in-charge).

Check the status of these and other pending regulations at the board's website here.

In other items of interest, the board:

 Discussed frequently asked questions about sterile compounding. The board has approved significant new <u>compounding regulations</u> that take effect Jan. 1, 2017. A list of FAQs about compounding, which will be updated regularly by staff, may be viewed <u>here</u>.

- Voted to formally recognize Marshall B. Ketchum College of Pharmacy for the purpose of issuing intern licenses to its students.
- Approved changes in the final draft of the board's 2016-2021 Strategic Plan.

A webcast of the Oct. 26-27 board meeting, as well as the agenda and meeting materials, may be found <u>here</u>.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Dec. 14, 2016, at the Hilton Glendale hotel in Glendale, CA. Details about the schedule and agenda items will be posted on the board's <u>website</u> as information becomes available. The meeting agenda will be released at least 10 days before the meeting.

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