

Assembly Bill 1286 Implementation

The California State Board of Pharmacy provides licensees and interested stakeholders with the following information on its policy relating to implementation of provisions contained within Assembly Bill 1286 (Haney, Chapter 470, Statutes of 2023).

Assembly Bill 1286 establishes a requirement for the reporting of medication errors that occur in the outpatient setting to an entity approved by the Board under specified conditions. The Enforcement and Compounding Committee will begin its evaluation of entities in the coming months. During this intervening period, reporting of such errors is not required nor will it be retroactive. It is anticipated that reporting of such errors will only be expected after approval of such an entity with an appropriate transition period for implementation. Interested stakeholders are encouraged to participate in relevant public meetings.

Assembly Bill 1286 also establishes a self-assessment process for surgical clinics. Development of the self-assessment form will be undertaken by the Enforcement and Compounding Committee. Upon development and approval of the self-assessment form, the Board will advise licensees and make the form available on its website. During this intervening period, completion of the self-assessment form requirement will be delayed. Interested stakeholders are encouraged to participate in relevant public meetings.

Several additional provisions contained in Assembly Bill 1286 become effective January 1, 2024. The Board encourages licensees to begin taking the necessary steps for compliance immediately. The Board recognizes that despite good faith efforts, there may be delays in achieving compliance by January 1, 2024. During the implementation period, the Board will consider actions taken to secure compliance when areas of non-compliance are identified through the inspection or investigation process. The Board encourages licensees to maintain documentation of actions taken to achieve compliance and to present such information to the Board upon request.