

REGISTRATION FORM FOR AUTOMATED DRUG DISPENSING SYSTEMS

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Effective Jan. 1, 2017, Business and Professions Code section 4105.5 requires that automated drug delivery systems be registered with the California State Board of Pharmacy. To aid pharmacies, the board has developed a form that may be used to register automated drug delivery systems. The form may be completed and printed [here](#).

B&PC section 4105.5 requires pharmacies that own or provide drugs dispensed through automated drug delivery systems to register by providing the board in writing with the location of each device within 30 days of installation. A pharmacy must reaffirm the information upon annual license renewal and must notify the board within 30 days if the pharmacy discontinues operating the system.

An exemption from registration is allowed for an automated drug delivery system operated by a licensed hospital pharmacy for doses administered in a facility operated under a consolidated license under Health and Safety Code section 1250.8.

The law sets specific conditions for operating automated drug delivery systems:

- The use must be consistent with legal requirements. The new regulation does not expand conditions under which automated drug delivery systems may be used.
- The pharmacy must have policies and procedures for the device that include security measures and monitoring inventory to prevent theft and diversion.
- The pharmacy must report drug losses from the device to the board as required by law.
- The pharmacy license must be current and not subject to disciplinary conditions.

Section 4105.5 also authorizes the board to prohibit use of an automated drug delivery system if a pharmacy cannot meet the specified conditions for operating the device. A pharmacy may request an office conference to appeal a prohibition within 30 days of written notice, and the executive officer or a designee may affirm or overturn the prohibition.

Section 4105.5 was enacted in 2016 by SB 1193 (Hill, Chapter 484, Statutes of 2016). The statute and other changes to pharmacy laws that take effect in 2017 can be read [here](#).

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