Board of Pharmacy Update – August 2021

Welcome to a monthly news roundup from the California State Board of Pharmacy. More information about news reported here is on the Board's website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

Recent news:

- The Board welcomed new members Jose De La Paz of Southgate and Nicole D. Thibeau of Los Angeles. De La Paz is a public member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly. Thibeau is a licensee member appointed by Governor Newsom.
- The CPJE was administered on July 16 and July 30. <u>Additional test dates in 2021</u> are available. To schedule an exam date within your eligibility period, go to candidate.psiexams.com or call (877) 392-6422.
- The Board's <u>Licensing</u>, <u>Communication and Public Education</u>, and <u>Enforcement and Compounding</u> committees met July 14-15, followed by a full <u>Board meeting July 28-29</u>.
 Meeting agendas, materials, and webcast links are posted online.
- The <u>California Pharmacy Law Update 2021 Edition</u>, a free continuing education webinar from the Board of Pharmacy, is now available for viewing online. A Board <u>regulation</u> requires pharmacists to earn two hours of <u>continuing education</u> credit for license renewal by completing law and ethics training provided by the Board. In addition to the law webinar, <u>an ethics webinar</u> is available for viewing on the Board's website.
- Gov. Gavin Newsom declared states of emergency due to fires on July 16, 2021, in Siskiyou, Lassen, Plumas counties; and July 23 in Plumas, Butte, Lassen, and Alpine counties. The Board issued alerts reminding licensees of provisions in Business and Professions Code <u>section 4062</u> and <u>section 4064</u> intended to help pharmacists provide prescription drugs for residents displaced because of emergency evacuation.

Coming up:

- The Board will provide free continuing education (CE) training for pharmacists August 11 on prescription drug abuse and drug diversion. Registration for the event is closed, but sign up for email alerts to receive information about future CE training events.
- The CPJE will be administered August 13 and August 30. Exam information is posted under <u>Pharmacist Examination and Licensure Information</u>. Participants must present <u>two forms of proper ID</u> and must complete an exit form during the checkout process.
- No Board or committee meetings are scheduled in August. The next Board meeting is September 23.
- The Board's office will be closed September 6 in observance of Labor Day, a state holiday.

A final word:

- Be sure to check the Board's website for updated information on <u>Pharmacy Law</u> <u>waivers</u>, vaccinations, and other COVID-19 resources.
- Have you signed up to receive email alerts? The Board issues alerts to disseminate important news and information, including declared emergencies and Pharmacy Law waivers. All licensed facilities, pharmacists, intern pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and designated representatives are required to subscribe to alerts from the Board. To sign up, go to the "Quick Hits" column on the Board's homepage and click on "Subscriber Alerts Sign Up for Email Notifications."

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