

Board of Pharmacy News Roundup – February 2026

Welcome to the monthly News Roundup from the California State Board of Pharmacy. To receive more details on any of the information reported here, click on the Board's website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

Upcoming Meetings:

ALL meetings are open to the public; all are encouraged to attend. Please check <https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/> for meeting dates and times.

Friendly Reminders:

Servicemembers Civil Relief Act

The federal [Servicemembers Civil Relief Act](#) (SCRA) authorizes servicemembers or their spouses who hold a valid license in good standing in another state to practice in California within the same profession or vocation, if they are required to relocate to California because of military orders. California recognizes these qualifying out-of-state licenses as valid. Business and Professions Code section 115.10 establishes a state registration process to help identify individuals lawfully practicing in California under the SCRA.

As a reminder, pharmacists may fill prescriptions written by prescribers not licensed in California but licensed in another state and practicing in California under the SCRA. To verify if a prescriber is registered to practice in California, you can check the [Professional License Portability and State Registration List for Servicemembers and Their Spouses](#).

For more information, including links to the Department of Consumer Affairs' dedicated site on federal license portability and state registration, visit the Department's [Resources for Members of the United States Armed Forces](#) webpage.

Recently Signed Legislation Impacting the Practice of Pharmacy

To provide easy accessibility to the new laws for 2026, a consolidated resource guide has been posted to the website.

https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/laws_regs/recent_legislation.pdf

Transition to Standard of Care

Under the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 1503 (Berman, Chapter 196, Statutes of 2025), certain pharmacist-provided patient care services transitioned to a Standard of Care practice model effective January 1, 2026. The policy statement can be found [here](#).

Pharmacist-in-Charge

Under AB 1503, new provisions reinforce the decision-making autonomy of the PIC related to staffing decisions. Read the full policy statement [here](#).

Vaccines

Under 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.

New Requirements for Nonresident Pharmacies

Effective July 1, 2026, nonresident pharmacies (i.e., pharmacies located outside California that ship, mail, deliver, or otherwise dispense prescription medications or devices into California) must: Identify a California-licensed pharmacist employed and working at the nonresident pharmacy to be proposed to serve as Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) over the nonresident pharmacy's California operations, and [submit the proposed PIC's name](#), license number, and effective date to the Board within 90 days of designation.

- Ensure the designated PIC is fully authorized to ensure operational compliance with California law, including California-specific dispensing, recordkeeping, labeling, consultation, controlled substances, and staffing requirements.
- Confirm the PIC has completed the required [Board-provided PIC training](#).
- Update the Board within 90 days of any subsequent [PIC change](#).

For forms and additional compliance information, please visit the California State Board of Pharmacy's [website](#).

Take Action Now to ensure your nonresident pharmacy is in full compliance by July 1, 2026.

California Medication Error Reporting (CAMER)

Register with ISMP to report medication errors to the California Medication Error

Reporting (CAMER) system. Medication errors that occur on or after September 1, 2025, must be reported to the CAMER system. For information on how to register with ISMP's medication error reporting program, click here <https://mederrors.ismp.org/>. For technical issues please email clientservices@ecri.org. FAQs regarding medication error reporting can be found [here](#).

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